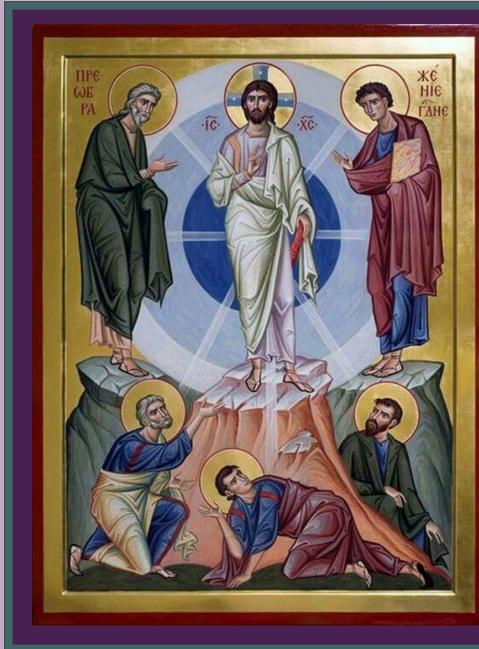




# **Second Sunday of Lent**



## *Jesus is transfigured*

**“Then from the cloud came a voice that said: This is my chosen Son, listen to Him.”**

## *From The Pastor's Desk*



Dear friends in Christ,

In the midst of the Lenten season we have a special Solemnity on March 19<sup>th</sup>, which is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. It's one of those rare moments when the Church encourages us to break the Lenten fast and celebrate this holy man of God.

Not long after Pope Francis was elected to the office of St. Peter, he added the name of St. Joseph to the Eucharistic Prayer, after we commemorate the Blessed Virgin Mary:

***“Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.”***

As we pray the Novena to St. Joseph I am drawn to reflect on the men of God in my life and the men of our parish, and to pray for them in a special way. It seems in many ways that manhood is under attack in our society. Hollywood gives us the image of man as rebel, angry, sex fiend, drunkard and party animal. The politically correct blame men for many of the problems in our present culture. Where do men discover their true identity?

Saint John Paul wrote an Apostolic Exhortation on Joseph, the Guardian of the **Redeemer**. **Saint John Paul writes:**

***“Joseph was a man of faith and courage. Along with loving his betrothed, he loved His God courageously. He had a close, intimate personal relationship with the God of His Fathers. In fact, this just man was, in a sense, the last Patriarch, completing the lineage. Through his response of faith, He would receive the great gift promised for all men and women and hold in His arms the One that His fathers had only longed to see. God's messenger, an angel, visited Joseph in a dream. He was ready to receive. He was disposed not only to the encounter but to the invitation it presented to pour himself out in love and for Love. He heard the message and, without hesitation, did what the Lord commanded! This is, in a real sense, Joseph's Fiat, his Yes, his exercise of human freedom to advance God's eternal plan. How refreshing such manly faith and courage are in an age filled with cowardice and rebellion.”***

***“Joseph was a humble man. There was not an ounce of false bravado or machismo in this servant of God. Named after the great Patriarch who was sold into slavery in Egypt; he bore the name with similar humility. As the Old Testament Joseph embraced his lot, rejecting the temptation to bitterness or victim-hood and actually came to rule Egypt, forgiving the very brothers who had sold him into slavery; so too this son of the Covenant embraced the One who would establish the New Covenant on the altar of Calvary.”***

***“In so doing, Joseph is a model to all men who choose to walk the way of the cross. Joseph emptied himself of self - and became filled with the love and life of God. He gave himself fully to God through accepting his unique and***

*specific vocation as a guardian of the Redeemer. The child Jesus, God in the flesh, was given to Joseph. A Carpenter, Joseph taught this child how to work with wood. That was, after all, what he had to give. During these so-called hidden years" Jesus was with Joseph and Joseph was with Jesus."*

Jesus learned to work and received from his foster father, Joseph, a work ethic, that we can follow throughout Jesus' life and ministry. He learned perseverance, hard work, selflessness and humility. In an age that has lost its way, given over to the selfish pursuit of illusory pleasure, Joseph should again be lifted up as a model, particularly to men who desire to follow Jesus Christ.

Jesus has entrusted the work of that mission to all men who accept the invitation to empty themselves in order to be filled with the very life and love of God and then be used in His redemptive mission for the world. Through the Fount of living water called Baptism, he invites each one of us into His new family, the Body of His Son, the Church. He still gives His message to men who, like Joseph, hear and then choose to exercise authentic manly virtue and act out of courage. He still invites men to turn the ordinary into extraordinary through cooperation and participation. He is truly looking for a few good men like Joseph who will work in the workshop of the world that he created in order to recreate it anew in His Son. In this age so desperately in need of men of courage, we need to turn to this man's man named Joseph. We need to follow his example by courageously, humbly and faithfully loving Jesus Christ.

Joseph is our teacher and shows us the way, a true Man's Man, calling all men to follow Jesus. Teaching us that actions speak louder than words

*"His is a silence permeated by contemplation of the mystery of God, in an attitude of total availability to his divine wishes. Let us allow ourselves to be "infected" by the silence of St Joseph! We have much need of it in a world which is often too noisy, which does not encourage reflection and listening to the voice of God."*

~Pope Benedict XVI, December 18, 2005

I thank God for the godly men in my life who encouraged and prayed for me, but most of all, gave me an example of Christian manhood. Please join me as I pray the Novena to St. Joseph, for all the men of our parish that they would be godly, humble and courageous witnesses of the Gospel.

God bless,  
Fr. Dennis



**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.



**Opportunities to grow in holiness:  
Lent 2019**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Celebrated at MHT every Saturday  
During Lent from 3:00 till 4:00 pm.**

**St. Joseph church in St. Johns  
Thursday, March 21st at 6pm**

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> Regional Penance Service  
St. Gerard Parish in West end of Lansing  
St. Thomas Aquinas in the East end of Lansing  
Service begins at 2:00 pm.**

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8pm.  
Confession, Adoration  
and prayer teams in the church.**



**Special Lenten Events and Liturgies**

**On all the Tuesdays & Thursdays of Lent we will  
have a half hour of adoration immediately  
after the morning Mass.**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Every Wednesday during the holy hour  
Begins at 6:00 p.m.**



**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
The Solemnity of St. Joseph,  
spouse of the Virgin Mary**

**Mass at 8:15 am.**

**Anointing of the Sick**

**After the Masses March 23/24<sup>th</sup>**



**Mass of Confirmation**

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
with Bishop Boyea**

**Lenten Fish dinner**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> 4-6:30 p.m.**

**Presentation of the Mass**

**In a series of 2 evenings we will look  
at the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the  
Eucharist and learn about the deeper spiritual  
meaning of the Mass.**

**The second of these evenings is Monday,  
March 18<sup>th</sup> after the evening Mass.**

# Holy Week Liturgies



**Palm Sunday - April 14<sup>th</sup>**



**Holy Thursday - April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am. Mass of Chrism, St. Mary Cathedral**

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



**Good Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 pm. Stations**

**3:00 pm. Solemn Good Friday Service**

**7:00 pm. Evening Service**

*\*a day of obligatory fasting and abstinence*

## Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!



**April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Easter Masses:**

**Saturday Vigil 8:45 pm.**

**Easter Sunday  
8:15 and 10:30 am.**

### The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry  
Give drink to the thirsty  
Clothe the naked  
Harbor the homeless  
Visit the sick  
Ransom the captive  
Bury the dead

Instruct the ignorant  
Counsel the doubtful  
Admonish sinners  
Bear wrongs patiently  
Forgive offenses willingly  
Comfort the afflicted  
Pray for the living and dead



### **Christian Mother's Annual Breakfast** (Open to *all* Women)

**Sunday April 7, 2019**

Immediately following 8:30 a.m. mass  
MHT Activity Center

**FEATURE SPEAKER: KENDRA VON ESH**  
(Catholic Speakers Organization)

*"Find Something More with God - Faith and Friends on Your Journey of Faith"*

Kendra shares her remarkable comeback to the Faith and how her life has been enriched by the sacramental graces of the Catholic church and the many spiritual companions she has met along the way. Kendra confesses how being vulnerable and compassionate with each other has been critical to her ministry and how we are not meant to walk the journey alone. Kendra's message will touch your hearts and invigorate your faith. Bring a friend, enlighten your spirit, and leave changed!

**Please RSVP to Melissa Spitzley by Thursday April 4, so we have a count for food preparation. You may call or text 989 593-2685 or via email at [melissaspitzley@hotmail.com](mailto:melissaspitzley@hotmail.com)**

### Bible Study on Acts of the Apostles

Join us for a 10 week study on the Acts of the Apostles Fridays at 9 AM in the Youth Center. The study, "Lectio Evangelization" is taken from FORMED on our parish website (led by Dr. Mary Healy). The bible study will be facilitated by Adam Halfman.



**Regional Penance Service**  
**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**St. Gerard Parish in Lansing**  
**St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing**  
**Service begins at 2:00 pm.**

## PRAY TO END ABORTION

### 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

Our local 40 Days for For Life Spring campaign is focused on filling each abortion day with prayer **every hour 7AM to 5PM every Wednesday. now through April 17.** Chemical abortions are performed on Wednesdays at Planned Parenthood located in Lansing's Frandor Shopping Center. Prayer location will be on the grassy area on the West side of Clippert North of Vine Street..

**HOLY SPIRIT ENCOUNTER**

### *Transformation & Healing*

**Most Holy Trinity Church**  
**4/7/2019 at 7 PM**

Encounter God in a new way, deepen your relationship with him, and receive prayer for physical or emotional healing

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., March 19	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thurs., March 21	Grades 3 – 8: Cross & Light Show
Fri., March 22	11:30 Dismissal/End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Fri., March 22	Spring Break begins @ 11:30
Mon., April 1	Classes resume

**NWEA MAP Scores:** The winter testing results are in. Our students continue to perform at a very high level, even with the unusual schedule and lack of routine throughout the testing window. Testing results for MHT School, the Lansing Diocese and the National norm can be found on the parish website on the school's home page. [www.mhtparish.com](http://www.mhtparish.com)

**School Renovation:** The school's Education Commission is currently looking over plans to do some renovations and improvements to the middle school building. Once plans are finalized at least two bids will be solicited and then a proposal will be made to the parish finance council and Father Dennis. Some of the renovations include new windows, converting the computer lab into offices and a conference room, exterior siding, and classroom air conditioning. The extent of the project will depend on the funds available.

**The Cross & the Light:** On Thursday, March 21, all of our 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be traveling to St. Gerard Church in Lansing to attend *The Cross and the Light* musical/multi-sensory experience. The cost of tickets and transportation is being covered through generous donations to the school – thank you! Shows Thursday - Saturday and still some seats available if you would like to attend.

**God Is ...***The deepest level of worship is praising God in spite of the pain, thanking God during the trials, trusting Him when we are tempted to lose hope and loving Him when He seems so distant and far away. At my lowest, God is my hope. At my darkness, God is my light. At my weakest, God is my strength. At my saddest, God is my comforter.* – Author Unknown



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for all police, first responders, and firefighters. May their service be a blessing to many.

**Sponsor of the Week**

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

**Les Miller & Sons**

**Confirmed in Christ**

Confirmation is on **April 1st**. Please pray for each of our Confirmation candidates, that the Holy Spirit will come in power and transform their lives through this sacrament, and that they will be open to this transformation.

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| Braeden Andros       | Jordan Myers       |
| Sadie Armbrustmacher | Makayla Piggott    |
| Tyler Bauer          | Brady Schmitz      |
| Kiley Bengel         | Shannon Schmitz    |
| Lydia Carbone        | Alexa Simmon       |
| Brooke Epkey         | Lauren Speers      |
| Kara Esch            | Macy Spicer        |
| Amy Feldpausch       | Christi Spitzley   |
| Collin Feldpausch    | Adalee Thelen      |
| Felicia Feldpausch   | Bleys Thelen       |
| Siera Feldpausch     | Travis Thelen      |
| Aubrey Goerge        | Austin Vandergriff |
| Benjamin Hamilton    | Sarah Veale        |
| Dominic Horak        | Hunter Ward        |
| Adysen Koenigsknecht | Rachel Warnke      |
| Ethan McCarty        | Leah Wieber        |

**Lenten Fish Fry**

Our next fish fry is **April 5** from 4 to 6:30pm. Prices are \$10 adult, \$5 for children 6-10, 5 and under FREE. Dinners include baked and deep fried fish, baked and scalloped potatoes, macaroni & cheese, salad bar, dessert.

**Choir News!**

You're invited! The adult choir is open to anyone interested in joining us to sing for the season of Lent and Holy Week. If music is something that really moves you during the Mass and helps you to pray, but you have a hard time making the commitment to the choir all year, this could be a great opportunity to enrich your spiritual life during Lent, offer your heart to God in a new way, and experience the wonderful community in the choir.

Rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. on March 20, 27, April 3 & 10, along with **Tuesday**, April 16 at **7:00pm**. Email Kayla for more info. Extra binders will be ready for walk-ins!

**Fowler Fire Department** is hosting their annual all-you-can-eat breakfast **this weekend**, March 17 at the Activity Center from 8 - noon. Cost is \$8.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for age 6-13, 5 & under are free.



***A Time to Heal Retreat***

On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. The Diocese of Lansing is sponsoring a retreat specifically designed for victims of clergy sex abuse. This retreat will address the impact of sexual abuse on victims, their families and all those working in institutional settings. There will also be mental health professionals helping to facilitate the retreat. For more information call 517-669-8321 or [information@stfrancis.ws](mailto:information@stfrancis.ws)

**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, Joyce Goerge 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.*

**Director of Religious Education  
Paul Fahey, [mhtdre@gmail.com](mailto:mhtdre@gmail.com)**

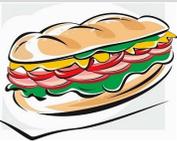
If you are currently a high school freshman or older who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and haven't met with Paul, please email or call 989-593-3174.

**Our Parish Stewardship  
God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity**

**March 9 & 10 Collection.....\$12870.23**

**Special Collections**

ETF .....\$205.00  
 Capital Improvement ..... \$10.00  
 Newspapers ..... \$12.00  
 Easter Flowers ..... \$15.00



**MHT SUB SALE**

Orders are being taken through April 1<sup>st</sup> for sub sandwiches. Subs will be assembled and available for delivery and/or pick-up on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. 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

**Readings for the Week of March 17 2019**

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday** 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; 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
**Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday - March 18**

7:00 p.m. + Kenneth Simon & Living & Deceased Family Members

**Tuesday - March 19**

8:15 a.m. + Joseph Schueller Including Riley & Living & Deceased Family Members

**Wednesday - March 20**

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:00 p.m. + Gordon Piggott, Sr., & Living & Deceased Family Members

**Thursday - March 21**

8:15 a.m. + Martin Halfmann Including Florence & Living & Deceased Family Members

**Friday - March 22**

8:15 a.m. + Lois Martin Including Lawrence & Living & Deceased Family Members

**Saturday - March 23**

3:00 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

**Sunday - March 24**

8:30 a.m. + Joseph L. Simon (4th Anniversary)  
 10:30 a.m. + Jim & Tonya Platte (1st Anniversary)

**Ushers for March 23 & 24**

4:30 p.m. Gary Weber, Jerome Klein, Clare M. Thelen, Mike Koenigsknecht  
 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. - Zoe & Trinity Kramer  
 Tues., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School Volunteers  
 Weds., 7:00 p.m. - Madelyn Sillman, Faith Phillips  
 Thurs., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer  
 Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer

**Servers for March 23 & 24**

4:30 p.m. - Kalani Koenigsknecht & Jamison Schueller, Volunteers  
 8:30 a.m. - Nolan, Madison & Mitchell Wirth, Nolan Simon  
 10:30 a.m. - Christi, Mary & Augustine Spitzley, Volunteer  
**The April server schedule is now available online.**

**March 17, 2019**

**Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard**

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

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