



**Mary, Mother of the Church, Mother of the Poor and Suffering,
Pray for us!**

O Mary, Mother of God,

You are always a sign of hope for God's people.

We entrust ourselves to you; Health of the sick and Mother of the poor.

At the cross, you took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

Mother of the Saving Word, You know our needs.

Your Son will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

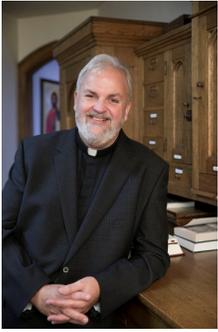
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do whatever Jesus tells us, He who has taken upon Himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows. Through the cross, lead us to the joy of the resurrection.

Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the prayers of we who are in time of trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

From The Pastor's Desk



The Coronavirus

Every day there is news about the Coronavirus epidemic. It's been a very long time since our country has seen an outbreak like this. Some days it seems rather surreal. But here we are and it's not the first time our church has faced plagues and epidemics. This too shall pass, but we must be prudent. At least 30

American dioceses have suspended the public celebration of Mass and I just received news from our Bishop that he has decided to cancel all Liturgies beginning March 18th. (I have included the official announcement with this article.)

On Sunday, the Holy Father walked to the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, where he venerated the icon of Mary the *Salus Populi Romani* (Salvation of the Roman People), and to the Church of San Marcello al Corso, the site of a crucifix associated with various miracles, including the cessation of a plague in 1522.

So what are we to do here at Most Holy Trinity?

At a Mass on Friday, March 13th Pope Francis said: "We pray that the Holy Spirit might grant pastoral discernment to pastors so that they might perceive measures that might not leave the holy, faithful people of God alone, and so that people of God might feel accompanied by their pastors."

This is what we intend to do here at Most Holy Trinity, to try to the best of our abilities and resources to prayerfully accompany our parishioners during this challenging time.

I will celebrate weekend and weekday Masses privately and offer the intentions for those Masses

As soon as we can, we will put the Masses and homilies on a video feed on our parish website and our Facebook page

The Church will remain open for prayer

I will continue to hear confessions

We will continue to bring Holy Communion to our shut-in's

The parish will offer ways in which you can have your intentions prayed for and spiritual needs met

I read the school district's announcement and plans to provide meals and support. Here at the parish, the staff and I are looking at various ways to continue to feed our parishioners spiritually and to help the local resources provide for families with food and assistance. We will be announcing some initiatives

once we have spoken to our local charities and organizations.

Finally, if your immune system is compromised, if you are ill with the flu or a cold, please take precautions. We do not want you to get infected or to possibly infect or compromise the immune system of someone else. Let's keep the common good in mind and think of others. I know this is going to be hard for families and businesses as well. Let's pray for one another.

One last thing; please remember to continue to support the parish financially. With the numbers down, we really do depend on your generosity and support.

Please keep in touch through our parish website or call the parish office. We will be updating you soon.

God bless,
Fr. Dennis



Opportunities to Grow in Holiness

Special Lenten Events & Liturgies

All Lenten Events & Liturgies (listed below) Have Been Cancelled Along With Daily Masses

Stations of the Cross

Weekly Adoration

The Year of the Word of God

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Penance Service (including) Regional Penance

Palm Sunday (April 5)



Holy Thursday (April 9th)

(At this time) MASSES TO RESUME AS SCHEDULED

Mass of Chrism 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.

**HE IS RISEN!
TRULY HE IS RISEN!**





DIOCESE OF LANSING

M I C H I G A N

March 17, 2020
Feast of St Patrick

Dear Brethren,

After consultation with the priests of the diocese, who were of mixed minds on this matter, and out of deep concern for the health of all our folks especially our elders, and with due deference to medical and government authorities, it has been decided that all public Masses, events, and gatherings will be cancelled throughout the Diocese of Lansing beginning tomorrow morning (March 18, 2020) lasting, for now, through Wednesday of Holy Week (April 8, 2020).

We will see at that time whether these plans will have to change. Private Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals may continue but only with immediate family present. As a reminder, all Catholics in the diocese are dispensed from the obligation of Sunday Mass participation through Easter Sunday. I ask our pastors to keep Churches open for private prayer.

The Holy Mass is our way to render back to God our worship and thanks for his many blessings to and for us, his beloved sons and daughters. We are blessed that all our priests will continue to offer daily private Masses in order to fulfill our blessed duty to God and to lift up our needs in prayerful petition to our Heavenly Father. Many of these daily Masses have intentions applied to them and those will be honored; in addition, feel free to submit other needs to your pastors to include at the altar.

The loss of the regular reception of Holy Communion is a great cross for many; during this fast from receiving our Lord in the Eucharist please pray that Jesus will enter your hearts in an act of Spiritual Communion. Sundays have always been a day of worship for us. Please, let these coming Sundays be times of family prayer.

We have three Confirmation Ceremonies scheduled in the next three weeks. These are also cancelled. I authorize the pastors of these confirmandi to confirm them in small groups, gathering no more than 10 people at a time, should they wish. Otherwise, plans can be made to reschedule the Confirmation later in Spring through Julie Fech OR the confirmandi may join other scheduled groups in the later Spring.

Assuring of my prayers, I am sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Earl Boyea
Bishop of Lansing

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	
Monday, April 6	School Resumes - hopefully
Tuesday, April 7	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Wednesday, April 9	Seder Meal
Friday, April 10	No School/Good Friday

School @ Home: All of our teachers have sent instructions and work home for students to do for the next couple of weeks. They will continue to be in touch via email and Google classroom as well. If the school closures extend past April 6, we will update you on our plans. Quite a few students checked out Chrome books to use at home. Please be sure to take care of them and return them in the same condition. At this time we still expect the week of March 30 to be fairly work free. Spring break is designed to give students and staff a break from school work and we intend to honor its intent. The work expected to this point should be able to be completed in two weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be checking my emails regularly.

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/icuhVpXKksULSngn9>) 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: "Prayer does not change the purpose of God. But prayer does change the action of God." - Chuck Smith

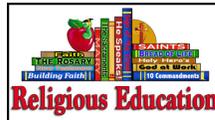
Children's Choir
 Rehearsals are cancelled through March. At this point, we still plan to sing for 10:30am Mass on Easter Sunday (April 12). If we're able, we will rehearse from 3-4pm on Tuesday, April 7th. Email kayla.mhtmusic@gmail.com to receive updates if you do not already. Thank you! ~Kayla



Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Celebrated every Saturday
 3 - 4 pm.



Director of Religious Education
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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.



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.

MHT Scrip Schedule



No orders will be placed while the school is closed due to the Coronavirus or during Spring Break. Scrip that is kept in stock will be available at the rectory from 8am - 3pm. Scrip orders will resume on Monday, April 6th. ScripNow & Reload orders will still be processed.
 Scrip offers a wide range of gift cards for all of your Spring Break needs; shopping, dining, entertainment & hotels. Visit shopwithscrip.com for a complete list!



The rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday mass. The intention for this week is to pray & ask that God gives skill, sympathy & resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and that He gives His wisdom to those researching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Please help us celebrate our mom, Alice Schneider's birthday with a card shower. She will be 90 on March 29th. Her address is: Grace Haven Assisted Living, 1507 Glastonbury Dr. (Rm 38), St. Johns, MI 48879.
 Thank you! ~Alice's Family

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.



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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"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.

St. Vincent de Paul Store in St. Johns

To minimize undue exposure to our 100+ volunteers, staff & customers, our store will tentatively be closed Monday, March 16 through Saturday, April 4, 2020. We are sorry for any inconvenience. **We will continue to serve clients seeking assistance by calling (989)292-7057.**

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.

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 14th & 15th Collection	\$10,630.31
Special Collections	
Newspapers	\$ 5.00
Easter Flowers	\$185.00
Capitol Improvements.....	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief	\$100.00

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Fr Dennis will celebrate weekend & weekday Masses privately & will still offer the intentions for these Masses.

Monday - March 23
 7:00pm + Ken Koenigsknecht Including Jim & Larry Koenigsknecht

Tuesday - March 24
 8:15am + Janet Armbrustmacher Including Ray

Wednesday - March 25
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00pm + Marvin Simon Including Dan

Thursday - March 26
 8:15am + Martin Halfmann Including Florence & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Friday - March 27
 8:15am + Alick Feldpausch
 9:00am Stations of the Cross

Saturday - March 28
 4:30pm + Kenneth Simon & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Sunday - March 29
 8:30am + Jane Platte Including Stan
 10:30am People of the Parish

SERVERS FOR THIS WEEK

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Scripture Readings for the Week of March 22, 2020

Monday	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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