

— MOST HOLY TRINITY —

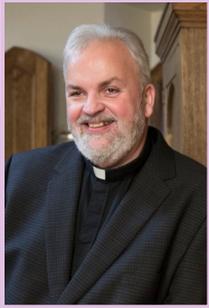
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"Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God"

-2 Cor. 7:1

PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING



— From the Pastor's Desk —

Pope Francis consecrates Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation!

Dear friends in Christ,

On March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, our Holy Father, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Peter's Basilica. The same act, on the same day, was performed in Fatima by Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, who was being sent there by the Pope.

Martyrdom of the good

In the apparition of 13 July 1917, in Fatima, Our Lady had asked for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, stating that if this request were not granted, Russia would "spread its errors throughout the world, promoting wars and persecution of the Church." She added, "The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed."

Consecrations of Russia to Mary

After the Fatima apparitions, there were various acts of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On October 31st, 1942, Pope Pius XII consecrated the whole world, and on 7 July 1952 he consecrated the peoples of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Apostolic Letter *Sacro vergente anno*: "Just as a few years ago we consecrated the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mother of God, so now, in a most special way, we consecrate all the peoples of Russia to the same Immaculate Heart. - Pope Pius XII"

On 21 November 1964, Pope St Paul VI renewed the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart in the presence of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope St. John Paul II composed a prayer for what he called an 'Act of Entrustment' to be celebrated in the Basilica of St Mary Major on 7 June 1981, the Solemnity of Pentecost. In June 2000, the Holy See revealed the third part of the secret of Fatima.

At the time, the then-Archbishop Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, pointed out that Sister Lucia, in a letter of 1989, had personally confirmed that this solemn and universal act of consecration.

Why is this so important?

On July 13, 1917, after having shown the three children a terrifying vision of hell, Our Lady of Fatima said the following words:

"You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end, but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the reign of Pius XI....."

"To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, and the Com-

munion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated."

We're told that Lucy, the oldest of the visionaries, did not actually even know what the word "Russia" meant at the time and yet she always affirmed hearing it.

The Vision at Tuy

In 1929, Our Lord told Sister Lucie that the time had arrived. At a late Holy Hour, kneeling in darkness, lit only by the red sanctuary lamp, praying before the Blessed Sacrament at the communion rail and saying the prayers that the Angel had taught her in Fatima — suddenly the chapel was filled with light. A great cross appeared on the altar, held and supported by God the Father, with Christ hanging upon it, and with a luminous dove at his breast. A Chalice and Host were in mid-air with drops of blood falling from Christ into the chalice. To the right was Our Lady with her Immaculate Heart, crowned with thorns and flames — and on the other were large letters spelling the words "Grace and Mercy."

In this vision, Our Lady said: *"The moment has come when God asks the Holy Father to make, in union with all the bishops of the world, the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means."*

I invite us all to consecrate our families and ourselves to Our Lady and to her Immaculate Heart. I have provided the prayer below. We live in difficult times and our children, families, marriages and culture are all under the attack of Satan. Let us pray and fast that our hearts would be converted and filled with the light of God's love.

God bless, Fr. Dennis



Prayer for the Holy Father to Consecrate Russia

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, you are the holy Mother of God and our tender Mother.

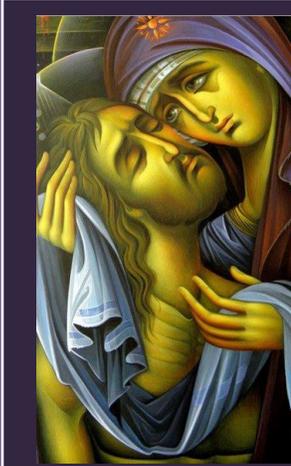
Look upon the distress in which the Church and the whole of humanity are living because of the spread of materialism and the persecution of the Church.

In Fatima, you warned against these errors, as you spoke about the errors of Russia. You are the Mediatrix of all graces.

Implore your Divine Son to grant this special grace for the Pope: that he might consecrate Russia to your Immaculate Heart, so that Russia will be converted, a period of peace will be granted to the world, and your Immaculate Heart will triumph, through an authentic renewal of the Church in the splendor of the purity of the Catholic Faith, of the sacredness of Divine worship and of the holiness of the Christian life.

O Queen of the Holy Rosary and our sweet Mother, turn your merciful eyes to us and graciously hear this our trusting prayer.

Amen.



THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN HOLINESS

**Abstinence from meat and Fasting
All Fridays of Lent**

Lenten Devotions

Wednesday at 6:00pm:
Stations of the Cross
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Saturday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.
Thursday, April 7th at 6:30pm

Regional Lenten Penance Service

Sunday, March 27th, beginning at 2pm
St. Gerard's - West end of Lansing
St. Thomas Aquinas - East end of Lansing

40 Days for Life

Please consider participating and praying outside of the Women's Care abortion mill 1601 E Grand River Ave. Lansing

Holy Week Liturgies

Palm Sunday - April 9/10, 2022

Mass at 8:30am & 10:30am

*Blessing of palms will take place in Church

Holy Thursday - April 14, 2022

Chrism Mass at 10:30am - St. Mary's Cathedral, Lansing

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday - April 14, 2022

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

*At the end of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be transferred to the Fr. Ray Center until midnight

Good Friday - April 15, 2022

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon
Solemn Service of Good Friday at 3:00pm

*The Church will be open all day for prayer

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no evening service on Good Friday this year

Holy Saturday - April 16, 2022

Decorating of the Church, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:45pm

*Blessing of Easter food after Mass

Easter Sunday - April 17, 2022

Christ is Risen!

Mass at 8:30am and 10:30am

*Blessing of food will take place after each Mass

EASTER FLOWERS



Do you know why we decorate the church at Christmas and at Easter, funerals and special liturgies? Because they symbolize paradise, heaven. They are reminders to us of our heavenly homeland.

If you would like to remember any deceased family or friends, or the intentions of anyone living, please put your donation into an envelope, write the names of those you'd like us to remember and pray for, and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.



LENTEN ACTIVITY STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Jesus wants to celebrate ALL coming home. When Jesus was lost to Mary and Joseph as a young man, they wanted nothing more than his safe return home. This vision was supported by the

Preparing the church for the holy season of Easter will take place on Holy Saturday morning, April 16, beginning at 9am. Preparing the church includes: swiffering floors, dusting pews, unboxing flowers, ironing various linens, changing bulletin board paper, and many various other details. **Sign-up sheets are posted on the pro-life bulletin board in the vestibule of the church.** If you have any questions, please contact Susie Koenigsknecht at 593-2490.

Thank you for giving your time and talent for our Parish and for the greater honor and glory of God!





As part of our Diocese's efforts to prepare for the future, our bishop and his delegates have created "Realigning Resources."

Let me explain what Realigning Resources (RR) is all about. The reason our Diocese is going in this direction is to better use the resources, regarding parishes, schools, agencies, priests and temporal and financial goods. The ultimate goal is to be a diocese with parishes that are fully alive communities of missionary disciples, with a vibrant sacramental life.

St. Mary's in Westphalia, Most Holy Trinity and St. Joseph's in St. Johns have been grouped together. So, Fr. Eric, Fr. Mike and I will be meeting monthly to pray and talk about how we can cooperate together. Some areas which we have discussed are:

Youth Ministry

Establishing a regional ministry - St. Joseph and Most Holy Trinity are thinking about hiring a regional youth minister for our two parishes and work with youth minister at St. Mary's, with regional gatherings, retreats and youth group events.

Good Mourning

Fr. Mike, Fr. Eric and I hope to establish a regional grief counseling ministry.

Parish ministries

- The pastors will encourage collaboration with their counterparts in the other parishes (women's groups, Bible studies, etc.
- Sharing pulpits from time to time.
- Doing a regional marriage preparation ministry.

These things have not been finalized, but are simply things Fr. Mike, Fr. Eric and I have shared and discussed. We'll see where we go from here.

Under the plan for Realigning Resources we would still maintain separate parish councils, finance committees and finances. Eventually, we would choose one of the priests to be a "moderator." His role would be to work with the other pastors in each group (again ours is St. Mary's, MHT and St. Joseph's in St. Johns).

As we go forward, we three pastors will be writing regular articles and updates about Realigning Resources. Please pray as we move forward that the Holy Spirit would guide us and help us so that the Gospel can be more effectively proclaimed.

God bless,
Fr. Dennis



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Let us pray for the elect (those to profess their faith in the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion) and our Catechumens (those to be baptized, confirmed and make their first holy Communion)

Evangeline Bertram – Catechumen

Natalie Singer - Catechumen

Michelle Olin – Elect

May the Lord bless these our sisters on their final journey to full communion with the Catholic Church and to be fed with the holy Sacraments of life.



DIOCESE OF LANSING

“STIR UP ONE ANOTHER TO love and good works”
Hebrews 10:24

DIOCESAN SERVICE APPEAL 2022

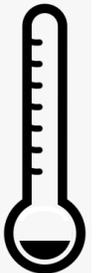
50% of contributions over our goal will be returned to the Parish.

We have currently raised
\$12,612.77
(9.10% of our parish goal)

Our parish goal is \$72,170

Envelopes are available in the entrances of Church or the parish office.

Thank you for your contributions!



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“Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord” -Hebrews 12:14



The Blessed Mother Statue Sign-up

If you would like to take the Blessed Mother statue home along with the list of parishioners to pray for, please use the sign-up sheet hanging on the pro-life board in the back of the Church.

The statue and prayer list is kept next to the reliquary in the sanctuary when no one is signed up to take her home.



- Returns for Vocations -

Time for **Spring cleaning** so make room by getting those returnable bottles and cans out of the way and support men and women from our local community pursuing religious vocations.

We are getting ready to do a mini-sort and count so please consider donating your bottles and cans now. If possible, we ask you to get them to us by April 7th. They can be dropped off at the Koenigsknecht Farm or schedule a pickup.

To arrange for pick-up, please call Kurt Koenigsknecht (517)282-0343 or Agnes Koenigsknecht (989)593-2614

Reminder: We collect year-round so please feel free to drop off at the Koenigsknecht farm.

thank you

Fish Dinners: We would like to thank everyone who supported the fish dinners by working a shift and/or purchasing a meal. For each dinner, it takes over 90 people working various shifts to make it successful. We served 508 meals for the first fish dinner and 482 for the second. The proceeds from the dinners are split between the Christian Mothers and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you also to the St. Johns KC council for helping us obtain fish – supply was short this year and without their help we would not have been able to have the fish dinners. The leftover food was donated to The Basic Needs Center in St. Johns. This organization provides support for families in Clinton and Gratiot Counties. The winner for the 50/50 raffle was Jane Schmitt of Westphalia. Jane won \$75. We are blessed to have a community of volunteers and supporters! Thank you from the Christian Mothers and Knights of Columbus.



Summer Youth Conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio

JUNE 17-19, 2022

COST IS \$350 PER STUDENT

(Thursday, April 7th is the deadline for registration)

If your son or daughter (grade 8 through 12) would like to attend the Summer Youth Conference or you would like more information, please contact the parish office.

-OR-

If you would like to volunteer to help with planning and preparation or if you would like to sponsor a young person for the Conference, please contact the parish office (989)593-2162

- WITNESS TO HOPE PROJECTS -

The Diocesan wide Witness to Hope campaign began nearly 5 years ago. As a part of that project, our Parish share of available funds including interest and additional pledges amounted to approximately \$420,000.

The projects developed by the Parish and submitted to the Diocese included, parking lots repairs, renovation of the Rectory Office, improvements to the Activity Center, and repairs to the stained-glass windows. The first two projects have been completed with total expenses of approximately \$260,000. The five-year pledge campaign is nearly over, with a very limited balance of pledges remaining. At this time, the parish has \$160,000 available for the Activity Center improvements and stained-glass repairs. Prior to the pandemic, a committee chaired by Domik Feldpausch met with Mayotte Architects. Preliminary ideas were discussed, but due to the pandemic, detailed plans were put on hold.

Recently, the Finance Committee approved funding for the committee to work with Mayotte to put together some detailed options and costs. We are now looking for a consultant to help the committee review the stained-glass.

As soon as the committee firms up detailed plans and budgets on both projects, they will share this with everyone in the parish.

God bless, Fr. Dennis and the Finance Committee



Easter Sunday Bulletin Deadline

Please submit all bulletin requests for Easter Sunday no later than Friday, April 8th by 12:00pm. Thank you & God Bless!



MHT School - Connecting faith to Life Anne Hufnagel, Principal

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 Upcoming Dates:

3/26/22 – 4/3/22	Spring Break
Mon., April 4	School Resumes
Tues., April 5	Mass- 8:15am
Fri., April 8	Praise & Worship- 1:00pm
Mon., April 11	Stations of the Cross- 9:15am
Tues., April 12	Mass- 8:15am
Fri., April 15	No School/Good Friday

Lent: We will be having Adoration/Praise & Worship on Friday, April 8, from 1:00 – 2:00pm in the Church. On Monday, April 11, we will have Stations of the Cross in the Church at 9:15am. Our annual Seder meal is on Thursday, April 14, at 2:00pm. Parents and other relatives are welcome to join us for Adoration and the Stations of the Cross.

Spring Break: Spring break has officially begun.

See you on April 4!

Prayer Pal Social: We have rescheduled our prayer pal social for Tuesday, April 19, after the 8:15am Mass. Refreshments and a fun activity are on the agenda in the Activity Center so please mark your calendars. Invitations are being sent via mail this next week.

School Registration: Information regarding tuition rates and registration for next school year will be sent out after spring break.

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." – Pope Francis

Weekday Rosary - The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses. This week, we continue to pray for healing within our parish family, and for guidance from the Holy Spirit as we navigate these times moving forward.



- Sponsor of the Week -

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

K&J Construction

Eucharistic Adoration

Beginning March 23, 2022,
Eucharistic Adoration
will be offered in the
church from
5:45am - 6:45am
on Wednesday mornings
on an ongoing basis.

Whether Jesus places it on your heart to stop in for 5 minutes or for a slightly longer time of prayer, there are no obligations or commitments. This is just an open invitation for anyone and everyone to spend time in the peaceful quiet of our church with the One Who loves you most. For those that may not see this announcement, please share the invitation with others.

A short story related to Eucharistic Adoration:

"An interviewer once asked Bishop Fulton Sheen who was the greatest influence in his life. The Bishop responded with a story about a little 11-year-old girl in China after the virulently anti-Christian Communists took over the country.

One day, the authorities invaded a local parish and locked the pastor in the church's coal storage room. They ransacked the church, broke open the tabernacle, and emptied the ciborium on the floor trampling the hosts underfoot. Then they left. A small opening between the coal bin and the church allowed the priest to see what happened next. Every night, a little girl, one of priest's parishioners, slipped past the guards and stole into the church. She knelt and prayed for a few minutes, then bending over she took a desecrated host on her tongue and made a holy hour of thanksgiving. Afterwards, she snuck out of the church again.

This went on for 32 nights, corresponding to the number of hosts in the tabernacle. On the day the child consumed the last host, the soldiers saw her and brutally beat her to death. Sheen said if that little martyr could sacrifice her life to make a holy hour with our Eucharistic Lord every day, he too ought to make a daily holy hour in thanks for so great a gift. And from that moment, Bishop Sheen preached unceasingly urging both priests and laity to make holy hours before the Lord."

Please Pray For Our Friends and Relatives

Bishop Mengeling, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Bill Luger, Sean Dush, Charlene Thelen, Davison Curtin, Luke Martin, Julie Wieber-Schafer, Dennis Smith, Janet Simmon, Steve Thelen, Tracy Schmitt, Frank Hufnagel, Jenine Koeckner, Jennifer Ledger, Josiah Ledger, Jennifer Schrauben, Therese Kramer, Christopher Martin, Theresa Heeg, Jeff Wadell, Charles Miller, Gary Schueller, Ray Hamilton, Ralph Feldpausch, Dane VanElls, Elaine Kramer, David Maniez, Elvan Halfmann, Constance M. Schafer, Jacob Hamilton, James E. Thelen, Christine & Terry Waldron, Jeff Koenigsknecht, Jack Nurenberg, Katherine Koenigsknecht, Dale L. Thelen, Jason Thelen, Adele Zamarron, Laurie Becker, Russell Tiedt, Bob Marshall, Alice Pline, Maurice Schmitz, Mason Sullivan, Kevin Orth, Alan Gove, Rodney Robbe, Andrew Hogan, a Special Intention, & for our parish family.

Please call the parish office to have someone added or removed from the prayer list.

Armed Services

Let us also keep in our prayers all those from our Parish Community who are in the Armed Services.

Every Monday and Wednesday from 8am—9am
Meet in the Church to pray for an end to abortion.

The 7 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Blessed Mother will be prayed after 8:15am Mass every Tuesday. This is for our nation and in reparation of the sins of our nation.

- Our Parish Stewardship -

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

March 19 & 20 Collection	\$ 8,350.01
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,568.00

Special Collections

Capitol Improvements.....	\$ 562.00
ETF.....	\$ 45.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 285.00
Newspapers	\$ 26.00

— MASSES THIS WEEK —

Monday - March 28

7:00pm Donald Feldpausch, Including Sylvester, Odelia & Alec

Tuesday - March 29

8:15am Geraldine & Roman Geller & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Wednesday - March 30

6:00pm **Eucharistic Adoration**
7:00pm Rita Goerge (20th Anniversary) & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Thursday - March 31

8:15am Bette Schomisch, Including Dault & Billie Lou

Friday - April 1

8:15am Nancy & George Vroman

Saturday - April 2

3:00pm **Confession in Server Sacristy**
4:30pm Edward Simon

Sunday - April 3 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

8:30am Regina Martin
10:30am Agatha & Louis Epkey & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

3/28 - 4/3	Servers this Week
Monday - 7:00pm	Jonah & Leah Thelen
Tuesday - 8:15am	Sacristan
Wednesday - 7:00pm	Logan & Andrew Platte
Thursday - 8:15am	Sacristan
Friday - 8:15am	Sacristan
Saturday - 4:30pm	2 Volunteers Needed
Sunday - 8:30am	Rebecca & Nicholas Smith
Sunday - 10:30am	Cooper & Annie Koenigsknecht

April 2 & 3	Reader	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ushers
Saturday - 4:30pm	Carol Piggott	Kyle Koenigsknecht, Craig Arens, Cindy Halfman	Larry Jandernoa, Gary Weber, Chris Conner, 1 Volunteer Needed
Sunday - 8:30am	Vern Thelen	Bonnie Thelen, Ronn Thelen, Anne Hufnagel, 1 Volunteer Needed	Dean Schrauben, Jerome Spitzley, Bill Armbrustmacher, Paul Pung
Sunday - 10:30am	David Simon	McKenzie Koenigsknecht, Jennifer Koenigsknecht, Tricia Goerge	Roy Witgen, Duane Pung, Neil Feldpausch, John Rademacher

"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation." -Catherine Doherty