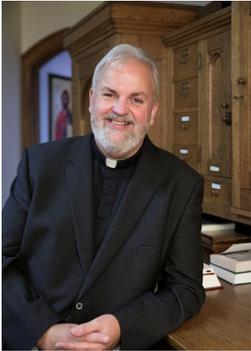


“Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:55-58

From The Pastor's Desk



As we prepare for the Holy Season of Lent

My brothers and sisters in Christ, It is crucial that we see Lent as God's gift to us. We tend to see Lent in the negative – we must “die” to self and give up something; sounds depressing at first glance. But Lent is a gift to us, because sin is insidious. St. John Paul II wrote that we all have an “affection for sin...” If we are not spiritually alive, it is easy for us to fall

deep into sin, to become lazy and apathetic. God is our Father, who does not want His children to be slaves to sin. That's why Lent is a forty day journey. Symbolically it reminds us of Noah's 40 days and nights in the flood, Moses' fast of 40 days on Mt. Sinai, Israel's 40 years wandering in the desert seeking the Holy Land. If we examine each of these stories we see that each of them involved time; time for God's people to rediscover their identity, time to grow in holiness, and time to turn back to God. This is a reminder that sin is not easy to deal with – it often takes time for us to honestly face up to our faults and failings and learn the way of dying to self and rising in Christ.

That's why during the season of Lent, the Church turns our minds more deeply to the mysteries by which we were reborn in Christ. Each of us was reborn of water and spirit (John 3:5-6). It is through Baptism that we were saved and washed clean of sin and made members of Christ's Mystical Body, the Church. The transforming power of baptism has been unleashed in us, but it needs to be stirred up over and over so that we can rise with Christ at Easter. That power is released in three main ways:

Prayer

Have we ever thought of the fact that Jesus asks us to pray? The Lord never coerces us into anything – it's an invitation, we are radically free. Why does Jesus invite us to pray? First, He tells us in the Gospel of Luke, how much the Father wants to give us good gifts (Luke 11:13). Second, we pray so that God can help us to become more like Him, so that we can experience communion with Him. Thirdly, we pray so that we might be renewed – we call it conversion – that movement of the Spirit that searches our hearts and shows us those areas where we need to surrender, to repent of and place in His hands. Fourth, we pray to give thanks – to thank God for all He has given us, and for the possibility of eternal life.

Fasting

By fasting, we allow ourselves to feel the mighty stimulus of hunger and ignore it. By fasting, we feel within ourselves the urge to react and then we don't. This denial is a powerful reminder of who we are meant to be, for if we can say “no” to our passions, surely we are reminded that there is more than just the material universe, there is also the transcendent and eternal world. We do not live solely by our passions and desires. Furthermore, fasting reminds us that we are able to see food for what it is, God's gift to us, and thank Him for it. We are able to recognize that so many do not have food every day and so we don't take it for granted.

And it enables us to see eating or anything else for that matter in a spiritual way – by giving up food or meat or something we love, for the salvation of others, for a loved one, for those who suffer, etc., we offer it up to the Lord who can empower our fasting with supernatural grace.

Almsgiving

We live in a world that is constantly pursuing the ego, self-gratification. This is a consequence of sin. Our desires are often warped by our fears, our pride, a false sense of what we think we really need in this life. Almsgiving helps us to take the focus off of ourselves. By showing concern for others, especially the poor, we unite ourselves with Jesus who declared: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me, to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” (Luke 4:18-19) By being concerned with the needs of others we learn to have the heart of Christ, a heart of compassion and mercy.

On the next page, I've listed the various liturgies and events that will help us to journey together through Lent.

God bless, Fr. Dennis

Novena to St. Joseph

**Please join us from March 9/10th till
March 18th in preparation for the
Solemnity of St. Joseph,
A Novena for the Fathers of our
parish and our region.**



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.

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.



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.

Sunday, March 31st 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 4th 6:30 to 8pm.
Confession, Adoration, prayer teams

Special Lenten Events and Liturgies

On Ash Wednesday, March 6th
and all the Tuesdays and Thursdays of Lent
we will have a half hour of adoration immediately
after the morning Mass.

Lenten Series about the Meaning 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.

Monday, March 11th after the evening Mass
Monday, March 18th after the evening Mass



Novena to St. Joseph for the men of our parish and our region

Novena will be prayed at all the Masses
from March 9-18th.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19th
Mass at 8:15 am.

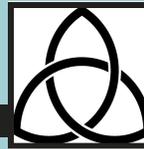


Anointing of the Sick
After the Masses March 23/24th

Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Boyea
Monday, April 1st at 7:00 pm.

Encounter with the Holy Spirit Evening
Sunday, April 7th at 7:00 pm.

Fish dinners
Friday, March 15th and April 5th



Welcome to our information section!
Please watch here for ways you can
get involved at MHT Parish.

-Consider being trained to distribute Holy Communion at Mass. We especially need people for our 4:30 PM Mass on Saturdays.

-We are always happy to train more servers, readers or ushers if that is something you are interested in.

- As the spring nears think about joining one of the summer lawn mowing crews in the cemetery.

-You're invited to join the choir for the season of Lent and Holy week! Rehearsals are held at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: Feb 19, 26, March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10, along with Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00pm. Email Kayla for more info kayla.mhtmusic@gmail.com, or meet us at rehearsal. Extra binders will be ready for walk-ins!

Director of Youth Ministry

Corey Luna - mhtyouthcorey@gmail.com.

Alt Spring Break March 24 - 30: This year we will go to North Carolina to serve with Habitat for Humanity. We will construct houses as well as spend time contemplating the Lord's goodness and pray for more outpouring of His spirit!!

2019 Steubenville Trip: Sign up is now available! There will be great speakers, adoration, prayer, confession, and free time. This is a great chance to see who God is and what He is calling you to do!. Cost is dependent on monies raised, so stay tuned. We attend June 21-23. To sign up go to mhtparish.com and click on the link for the form!

Steubenville LEAD: This weeklong retreat is an excellent way for any student to dive deeper into their faith life. The retreat staff leads students in prayer methods, teachings, and ways to strengthen their overall relationship with God. If you are interested in this LEAD week please email Corey.



Fowler Fireman Breakfast

Fowler Fire Department is hosting their annual all-you-can-eat breakfast 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.

American Legion Walleye Dinner

Post 380 121 N. Mercantile, Carson City, March 6 (Ash Wednesday), March 22, 29, April 12, and 19 from 4:30 pm until gone. Walleye, fries, cole slaw and roll. Cost: \$10, Children \$5.

**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:

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| Weds., March 6 | Mass @ 8:15 a.m./Ash Wednesday |
| Sun., March 10 | Daylight Savings Time begins |
| Tues., March 12 | Mass @ 8:15 a.m. |
| 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 rd Quarter |
| Fri., March 22 | Spring Break begins @ 11:30 |

Knights of Columbus State Spelling Bee: On Saturday, March 16, 2019, two MHT School students will be competing in the State Level of the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. We are so proud to have Alexander Warnke, son of Al and Agnieszka Warnke, and Trinity Kramer, daughter of Bill and Emily Kramer, representing us and wish them Good Luck!

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 3rd – 8th 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! There are shows Thursday through Saturday and still some seats available if you would like to attend.

Pruning: *God may be in the process of pruning something out of your life at this very moment. If this is the case, don't fight it. Instead, welcome it, for His pruning will make you more fruitful and bring greater glory to the Father. – Rich Yohn*

Sponsor of the Week

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

Main Street Pizza



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

Bible Study on Acts of the Apostles

Everyone is welcome to join in a 10 week study on the Acts of the Apostles which will begin this Friday, March 8th at 9 AM in the Father Ray 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.

Lenten Fish Fries

Fish Fries are **March 15 and April 5** from 4 to 6:30pm. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to work at the fish fries. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church though March 10. Sign up for one or both! The success of the fish fries depends on the help and support of the community. Thank you!



Father/Son Breakfast Sunday, March 10th, 9:30 am



Join us in the Activity Center **this Sunday** for the Father/Son breakfast! Speaker is **Josh Strickland, DJ for SMILEFM**. Good will offering at the door. Sponsored by the Fowler Knights of Columbus.

RSVP to Dean Schrauben (593-2545) no later than March 6. Walk-ins accepted the day of the event!



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, 2019** so we have a count for food preparation. You may call or text 989 593-2685 or via email at melissaspitzley@hotmail.com

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, 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**

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.

Lost Article

A parishioner has lost a rosary. It is multi-colored and will be in a blue leather pouch. Please offer prayers for the return of her rosary. Call the parish office if found.



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

February 23 & 24 Collection..... \$10,632.00

Special Collections

ETF **\$10.00**
Black & Indian Mission \$72.00
Capital Improvement \$5.00
Newspapers \$23.00



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray that all Christians are blessed with a strong sense of love and belonging in union with the Lord this Lent.

Readings for the Week of March 3, 2019

Monday Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;
 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday - March 4

7:00 p.m. + Chris Spitzley

Tuesday - March 5

8:15 a.m. + Janet Armbrustmacher, Including Ray

Wednesday - March 6 - Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. + Richard & Marcella Gensterblum

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. + Steve Simmon

Thursday - March 7

8:15 a.m. + Sharon Becker & Family

Friday - March 8

8:15 a.m. + Martin & Laurine Edinger & Living & Deceased Family Members

Saturday - March 9

3:00 p.m. Confessions

4:30 p.m. + Philip Simon

Sunday - March 10

8:30 a.m. + Carolyn Koenigsknecht, Including John & Living & Deceased Family Members

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Ushers for March 9 & 10

4:30 p.m. – Tony Schafer, Jerome R. Thelen, Lonnie Schueller, Volunteer

8:30 a.m. - Jerome Spitzley, John Hufnagel, Kurt Thelen, Volunteer

10:30 a.m. – Brett Stump, Kirk Phillips, Dale Koenigsknecht, Hilary Stump

Servers for this week

Mon., 7:00 p.m. - Mary & Augustine Spitzley

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer

Weds., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School Volunteers

Weds., 7:00 p.m. - Cooper & Josie Koenigsknecht

Thurs., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer

Servers for March 9 & 10

4:30 p.m. - Roman & Nicholai Schafer, Jamison Schueller, Volunteer

8:30 a.m. - Jack Schafer, Drew Armbrustmacher, Brycen & Emma Halfmann

10:30 a.m. - Nolan & Selena Stump, Tristan & Quentin Smith

March 3, 2019

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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