

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



God Bless our First Communicants!

Harleigh Antes
Camden Conner
Jonathan Epkey
Staci Epkey
Dexton Feldpausch
Sophia Halfmann
Ava Hufnagel
Chase Katich
Isaac Koenigsknecht
Hadley Lackscheide

Bristol Miller
Jackson Miller
Andrew Platte
Logan Platte
Camden Rhynard
Aleah Sawyer
Remington Schueller
Nash Simon
Adeline Smith
Kaedyn Smith
Dominic Spitzley

Molly Stump
Brigham Thelen
Bronnie Thelen
Eli Thelen
Gavin Thelen
Summer Thelen
Maxwell Wieber
Elizabeth Wirth
Bryce Witgen
Carson Witgen

“Amen, Amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.”

John 6:53

This week I have asked **Corey Luna** to share with us about the upcoming Steubenville trip. **God Bless, Fr. Dennis**



This weekend, I'm kicking off our investment fundraiser for the youth traveling to the Steubenville Youth Conference. This conference holds a special place in my heart because it's where myself and countless others encountered the Lord for the first time.

Steubenville also has a special place in our youth ministry that many people have seen before. I think possibly it's become such a regular event in our schedule that it's lost some of the priority that it had in the past. I think all the events that we put on and take part in during the year are important, but Steubenville is where our whole ministry year culminates. It's where some people meet the real person of Jesus Christ for the first time, or are reconvinced that Jesus is real and actually cares about them. To have that experience with 2,000 others and 80 people that you know from your everyday life is a unique opportunity and can't be matched anywhere else.

Steubenville is also where I get to see how much all my leaders have grown over the year and how much they are going to show Christ to those around them. An example of this was one of our students went to the weeklong LEAD program last year and was picked out of 60 kids to speak before Saturday night adoration during the regular Steubenville weekend. I've disciplined this student for the past 5 years, and seeing her step onto that stage and share what Jesus has done for her was an extremely powerful moment. Where else can you get an opportunity like that? It was powerful for that student in particular, but it was also very powerful for our group to see her step up like that..

Over the last year especially, I know that the Lord has been putting things together for our community of youth in Fowler. There is a desire and a hunger for Jesus that I haven't seen across all grades since I've been here. The Holy Spirit has been stirring hearts individually and I believe that the youth of our parish will grow together even more in the spiritual life. We almost broke the record of the largest amount of kids that went on the High School Retreat, and we have had a huge growth in numbers on Mission: Wixom, our Spring Break Trip, and our 8th grade retreat. We have great kids in our parish that need God in their life, and I want to facilitate their faith journey and their growth. I would like to invite you to join us in this mission. Below is a list of all of the youth that are currently signed up for this years conference. Please consider praying for each person listed below.

I am very grateful for the tremendous support members of our parish have showed our youth over the past few years by donating to offset the cost of this trip. This year's cost is \$300 per student and we would invite you to help us once again. Making an investment in any of our youth now will not only create these opportunities to help them grow, but it will also feed the future of our parish life. Thanks again for all of your support!

Students currently signed up for Steubenville 2019

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|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Carly Andros | Brycen Halfmann | Grace Piggott | Adalee Thelen |
| Kiley Bengel | Emma Halfmann | Tony Piggott | Brin Thelen |
| Taylor Bierstetel | Nathan Halfmann | Carter Pline | Gabby Vincent** |
| Grace Boak | Avery Koenigsknecht | Jacob Rademacher | Rachel Warnke |
| Macy Gibbons | Cooper Koenigsknecht | Ben Schafer | Sierra Watts |
| Aubrey Goerge | Josie Koenigsknecht** | Ashlyn Simon | Quinn Watts |
| Riley Goerge | Kalani Koenigsknecht | Mason Smith | Ashley Weber |
| Allysa Feldpausch | Brandon Luttig | Ryan Snyder | Sadie Weber |
| Amy Feldpausch | Damien Miller | Kylie Spicer | Madison Wirth |
| Collin Feldpausch** | Liam O'Hare | Macy Spicer | Nolan Wirth |
| Kyra Feldpausch | Andrew Piggott | Christi Spitzley** | Mary-Elizabeth |
| Wade Hufnagel | | | Wohlfert |

*** Students attending the LEAD program*

Cut out and return to Corey at the parish office

I would like to invest in the spiritual growth of the youth of Most Holy Trinity!

Name: _____

Student(s) in whom I would like to invest:

Special Instructions: _____

Total Amount of Investment: _____

St. Stephen, deacon and martyr, Pray for us!



Ordination to the Diaconate

Saturday, May 18th 2019
at 10:30 am.

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
955 Alton Road, East Lansing

Transitional Diaconate

John Vinton
Michael Cassar

Permanent Diaconate

Gary Perrydore	Sean Costello
Gordon Prepsky	Eric Elstro
Richard Stoolmaker	Phillip Guyeskey
Robert Strouse	Peter Hansen
Kevin Wiley	Robert Nieman

Mission to Peru



Hello my name is Ashley Van Ells and I am a junior at Grand Valley State University studying exercise science. While at GVSU, I have come in contact with a missionary organization on campus called FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. This July, I have a wonderful opportunity to go on a two-week mission trip to Peru through FOCUS.

The first week of the trip we will be in Lima helping build stairs for the people of Peru to allow them to climb the steep slopes to have access to clean water. During the second week, we will visit an impoverished village called Arequipa and help to teach catechism and evangelize the students. I am very excited to minister to the youth in this village and grow in my faith through this trip.

I invite you to join me on my mission in Peru. You can join me in this mission in a couple of ways – with your prayers and with a financial gift. This mission trip is quickly approaching and I need to raise \$3,500.00 by June 1st. To meet this goal as quickly as possible, gifts of any value are greatly appreciated. If you feel called to make a donation, any financial gifts can be made online at <http://www.focusonline.org/goto/Ashley-VanElls> or checks can be written out to **FOCUS** with **Ashley Van Ells-78550** in the memo line and can be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to the following address:

Ashley Van Ells
10507 48th Ave. Apt. K5
Allendale, Michigan 49401

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and God Bless!

Ashley Van Ells



My name is Mariele Feldpausch. I am studying psychology and theology at Aquinas College. This year, I am privileged to be a part of the Aquinas College group that will be serving in Peru from May 14th-29th. Aquinas College will be sending students to Peru to work with Casa Hogar, an orphanage just outside of Lima. Our group will also have the opportunity to work in Chimbote, Peru.

Chimbote is one of the most impoverished desert cities in Peru. For more than fifty years, Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids have been developing The Social Work Center, a maternity clinic that treats 17,000 patients and delivers about 300 babies each month.

Mary said “yes” to God’s plan for her life and I know this trip is part of my “yes” to the Lord for His plan for me. Through this trip to Peru, I hope to grow more in my spiritual life and give more of myself for the good of the Kingdom. I will continue to say “yes” daily on this trip by serving each person I meet and recognizing that Christ is in each and every one of them.

The Lord did not send out the disciples alone but two by two and I am asking that you will be part of this journey through prayer and financial help. The group cost averages \$2,000 per person. I need your prayers, but any financial help you may give is greatly appreciated. If you are able to help financially, checks should be made out to **Aquinas College**, with “**Service-Learning: Peru**” in the memo line and dropped at the parish office or sent to:

Aquinas College, Service-Learning
Attn: Peru
1700 Fulton Street E.
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Thank you for your prayerful support!

May God bless you!

Mariele Feldpausch



**“Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold Him who takes away the
sins of the world
Blessed are those called to the
Supper of the Lamb.”**

K of C 50/50 Raffle



The Knights of Columbus are excited to announce our annual ‘50/50 Support the Faith Club’ fundraiser. This is a cash raffle with various cash prizes and the proceeds will provide scholarships for families that are sending their children to MHT School. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 and can be purchased at MHT School, the rectory, and any officer. Each KC member was mailed two tickets and is encouraged to purchase or sell the tickets. We are requesting all tickets (sold/unsold) be returned by July 6th as the first of 20 cash raffle drawings will be July 8th. **ALL entries will be eligible for ALL 20 drawings.** The scholarships will be provided for the 2019-20 school year.

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:

Tuesday, May 7	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Monday, May 13	New Parent Orientation @ 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday, May 21	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Friday, May 24	11:30 Dismissal/Staff PD in p.m.

2019/20 Registration: Registration for Most Holy Trinity School for the 2019/20 school year is now underway. You can register students in several different ways:

Go to the School website www.mhtparish.com and find the Registration & Admissions tab on the school page. There is a link to the online registration.

- You can call the school office at 593-2616.
- You can go this website: <https://goo.gl/forms/VleOw8U2lwcJjAQg2>
- You can use this QR code:



New Parent Orientation: There will be a parent orientation for new parents who have either already enrolled or are considering enrolling their children at Most Holy Trinity School for the 2019/20 school year. The meeting will start in the school cafeteria or Msgr. Koenigsknecht Hall at 7:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Anne Hufnagel (principal) and Gillian Ernst (1st/2nd grade teacher) on May 13th.

God's view of success is vastly different from our own. We don't need to prove our worthiness to be accepted. We don't need to climb over others to reach the prize. He gives freely to all who come to Him with a humble heart and an outstretched hand. He penalizes those who use others for their own gain. In His kingdom, the first shall be last, and the last shall be first.— Katherine Walden

MHT School Job Opening



Most Holy Trinity School in Fowler, MI, is accepting applications for a part-time reading literacy specialist for early elementary students for the 2019/20 school year. Applicants must have an elementary teaching degree and have experience in teaching reading, speech, and literature. The candidate must be willing to work collaboratively in a team environment and be available to work mornings Mondays through Thursdays when school is in session. Applicants should be practicing Catholics who are enthusiastic, organized, and passionate about Catholic education.

Applications and resumes will be accepted through Friday, May 17, 2019, and should be sent to the following:

Most Holy Trinity School
 Attn: Anne Hufnagel
 545 N. Maple St.
 Fowler, MI 48835
 Or via email: principal@mhtparish.com

Fowler Athletic Boosters to Host Scrap Metal Drive

Turn your unwanted scrap metal into cash to support Fowler Athletic programs!



The boosters are teaming up with the **Village of Fowler** and **Portland Iron and Metal, Inc.** to hold a scrap metal drive! A large trailer will be located at the village recycling site from **May 17-25**. Suggested items are: Outdoor furniture, metal fencing, cookware, shelving, poles, pipes/wires, ladders, sinks, car parts, appliances, bed frames/springs, bikes, grills, tools, gutters, siding, farm equipment, hot water heaters, trampoline frames & exercise equipment.

If you are unsure about acceptable items, call Portland Iron & Metal, Inc 517-647-6476.

Items NOT accepted include: batteries, propane tanks, computers, TVs, full paint cans, items with freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners).

Special thanks to the Village of Fowler for allowing us to use their recycling site as a collection point! Alone we can do so little... together we can do so much!

Vacation Bible School
****Save the Date****



We're really excited that three Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist from Ann Arbor will be leading VBS this year! The date for that is June 24-28. We will have more details along with registration later this spring.

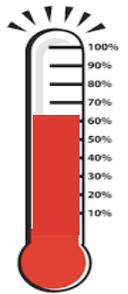
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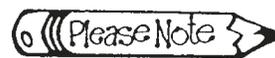
"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

Our Diocesan goal this year is \$5,100,000.00. Our parish goal has been set at **\$64,013.00**. Any pledge over and above our goal will be returned 50% to our parish.

Pledges now total \$ 61.24% of our goal!



Adult Social Gathering



Spend an hour or so enjoying the company of other parishioners. Please feel free to join us and bring a friend or two on **Monday, May 6** at 7:30pm in the K of C Hall. For questions call Ann Schafer at 593-3539.

Sponsor of the Week

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

Schneider Builders



Ruthie Bernadette Surbrook
 Daughter of Parker and Carly (Fink) Surbrook
 We welcome **Ruthie** to our parish family.

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, 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, Carolee Smith, Charles Miller, Joyce Goerge, Father Den Morrow Alick Feldpausch 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.

Our Parish Stewardship
God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

April 27 & 28 Collection..... \$15,722.00

Special Collections

Cemetery	\$25.00
Newspapers	\$10.00
Easter Offering	\$305.00
ETF	\$45.00



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is for those making their First Holy Communion. May the Lord be present in their hearts in a special way this weekend.

Readings for the Week of May 5, 2019

Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday - May 6
 7:00 p.m. + Karen (Bertram) Brockwell

Tuesday - May 7
 8:15 a.m. + Janet Armbrustmacher, Including Ray

Wednesday - May 8
 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00 p.m. + Emily Goerge & Living & Deceased Family Members

Thursday - May 9
 8:15 a.m. + Ann Pohl Edinger & Living & Deceased Family Members

Friday - May 10
 8:15 a.m. + Marvin Simon, Including Don

Saturday - May 11
 4:30 p.m. + Amy Bissell

Sunday - May 12
 8:30 a.m. + Clem Thelen
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Ushers for May 11 & 12

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. - Bryce Ward, Braxton Myers
Tues., 8:15 a.m. - MHT School Volunteers
Weds., 7:00 p.m. - Rebecca & Nicholas Smith
Thurs., 8:15 a.m. - Andrew & John Irrer
Fri., 8:15 a.m. - Adult Volunteer

Servers for May 11 & 12

4:30 p.m. - Jonathan Koenigsknecht, Kalani Koenigsknecht, Volunteers
8:30 a.m. - Jena, Nick, Grace & Rachel Epkey
10:30 a.m. - Logan & Keegan Klein, Ben Schafer, volunteer

May 5, 2019

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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

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Email: office@mhtparish.com
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