

# MOST HOLY TRINITY



**We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Fr Joe to our parish family. We are excited to have him here at Most Holy Trinity! We look forward to working with and getting to know him in the coming months and years!**



Getting to know Fr Joe

### **FR. JOE'S BIO**

I was born in 1991 and raised in Superior Township (near Ann Arbor) in a big house tucked away in the woods of our 38 acres of land on a quiet dirt road. I'm the second youngest of a family of 10 –7 boys and 3 girls. Two of my brothers have been married since the late 90s, and one of my sisters married 5 years ago. My other two sisters are Dominican sisters—one with the Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor and the other with the St. Mary Sisters in Bismarck, North Dakota. I have 20 nieces and nephews and 4 great nieces and nephews. We were by no means farmers, but when I was growing up we always had lots of pets around the house and ample amounts of time in the woods in our back yard all year long.

I wanted to become a priest from a very young age. Though I tried to ignore this call to the priesthood while in high school, after graduating I entered seminary—somewhat begrudgingly. Though entering seminary was challenging, I immediately experienced such a profound peace that I knew I was where God wanted me to be. God gently worked on my heart over the years and after much prayer and formation, I found a strong desire for the priesthood growing in me. There were some bumps along the way, but ultimately after 8 years of seminary—four in Minnesota at St. John Vianney College Seminary and four in Detroit at Sacred Heart Major Seminary—by the grace of God I was ordained a priest on June 10th, 2017.

My first assignment was as the Parochial Vicar (associate pastor) at St. Patrick Parish in Brighton. I served there for four years and got my first real taste of parish ministry as a priest. I had a great experience at St. Patrick. It will always hold a special place in my heart as my first parish assignment. In July of 2021, I left St Patrick and started a new assignment as the full-time chaplain at Lansing Catholic High School. I just finished my first year there and I am loving it. It is such a joy and a privilege to be with the students and help form them into disciples of Jesus.

About a month ago, Bishop Boyea called and asked me to start helping out with Sunday Masses in Fowler and Westphalia in addition to my chaplain role. I gladly accepted the request and am looking forward to serving in your community. I've spent some time in the area over the years and love the strong Catholic culture. I'm so excited to get connected with all the families at Most Holy Trinity and St. Mary's. I'm also happy to have a more stable parish connection on the weekends. For the last year, I have had Sundays open and would go around all over the Lansing area helping cover Masses where needed. It's been hard to build real connections with parishes this way, so I'm happy to have a consistent weekend assignment every Sunday. Please pray for me in my priestly ministry. I look forward to meeting you all in the weeks and months to come. -Fr Joe

## **WE ARE ALL EVANGELIZERS** (and whatever else is on Deacon Eric's mind)



### **72 And Counting**

Skeptics may say you can make statistics say anything, but when it comes to first century Jewish culture numbers can have very specific meanings.. To the Jews, seven for example, symbolizes perfection. It has its roots in the Creation story, where God rested on the seventh day because his work was complete. The number twelve, or a multiple of it, often is a symbol for the twelve tribes of Israel or the twelve apostles. Such was the case in last week's gospel from Luke.

"The Lord appointed a further seventy-two and sent them in pairs before him to every town and place he intended to visit." (Lk 10:1) Seventy-two, of course, is a multiple of twelve, and in this instance references the number of nations in the world at that point. Luke makes an interesting point in that verse that the disciples were sent out in pairs. There are many ways to evangelize and doing so in pairs is a very effective one.

In his assessment of this gospel selection, Bishop Robert Barron reminds us that "We are a missionary Church. We are sent by the Lord to spread his word and do his work. The Christian Gospel is just not something that we are meant to cling to for our own benefit." There are several reasons, he says, why they went in pairs: to establish teamwork, provide witness and to create a built-in support system.

Bishop Barron continues: "We do this work together, with others, in community. Ministers need people to support them and pray for them. Francis has an experience of God and then, within months, gathers people around him; Dominic, from the beginning, has brothers in his work; Mother Teresa attracted a number of her former students to join her in her mission.

We all could take a lesson from this, especially if we have sometimes felt alone and a bit insecure when trying to spread God's Word. Maybe taking a friend or family member when talking to someone who has fallen away or is seeking the Lord will help us take that first step.

Bishop Barron reminds us that the Gospel is not just for individual use. Quiet prayer helps us grow in understanding it, but our job is also to share it, and doing so with another dis-

ciple is a great route to take. The disciples in last week's gospel enjoyed zapping demons like we might pick off mechanical ducks at the Ionia Free Fair. Jesus reminded them that the power to cast out demons was secondary to having their names written in heaven. Though we may not have that power, we can spread the word of the Lord and work toward getting our names on that list.

Deacon Eric  
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### Prayer Requests & Intentions

Prayer intentions can be requested by calling Susie Koenigsknecht (989-593-2490) or by contacting the parish office and the request will be forwarded.

If you would like to be a part of this prayer ministry, please contact Susie. Requests are sent via email and your email is never shared or used for any other purpose other than for prayer requests. Our prayer warriors are strong and mighty and we are so blessed here at MHT to have such a faithful group of prayer warriors. God bless them!

Thank you.

## MHT PARISH FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**7:30am**

5K Race begins

**8:00am**

Volleyball and 3x3 Basketball begin

**8:00am - 10:00am**

Gatorade, Water and Pop Tent Open

**8:30am**

Mass

**10:00am**

Mass

**10:30am - 3:00pm**

Country Kitchen

**10:30am - 5:00pm**

Food Tents and Trucks

**11:00am - 3:00pm**

Inflatables

**11:30am**

Parade

**5:00pm**

Raffle Drawing

**6:00pm**

Mass

## MHT PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS/REMINDERS

We need your help to ensure the success of this years' Parish Festival! We are still looking for volunteers to help in various areas.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the back of Church. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions or would like to know more about helping behind the scenes.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and willingness to volunteer, as this much anticipated event wouldn't be possible without you! God Bless!

### Parish Parade

Everyone is encouraged to join our parade as part of our Parish Festival on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Theme is "Come Holy Spirit." We are inviting businesses, organizations or even groups of family/friends that wish to join the parade! -- The parade starts at 11:30, line up starts at 10:45 under the water tower in Fowler. Please call or text Kristin Phillips at 517-256-0309 with any questions or to confirm your participation.

### Country Kitchen

The Christian Mothers will once again be hosting the Country Kitchen at the Parish Festival on Sunday, July 31st from 10:30am - 3:00pm. We are asking all Christian Mothers to contribute their favorite baked good in the following quantities:

- 2 pies (2 crust)
- 2 dozen cinnamon rolls
- 2 dozen cookies
- 2 dozen cookie bars/brownies

\*Please bring your bakes goods to the Esper room between 9am - 10:30am on Sunday, July 31st. If you're unable to donate baked goods, a \$15 donation would be welcomed.

### Volleyball Tournament

Sunday, July 31st, 2022

4 Players/team - Co-ed (2 males max per team)

Check-in at 7:30am, Games start at 8am

\$80 Registration Fee

Location: Waldron Middle School

For more information, contact Mike & Rebecca Feldpausch at (989)593-2757 or feldpaush7@gmail.com

### 3 on 3 Basketball

Printable registration forms can be found on our parish website at [www.mhtparish.com](http://www.mhtparish.com) or in the parish office.

### 5K - Run, Walk or Stroll

Sunday, July 31st - 7:30am

Starts in front of Most Holy Trinity Church

\$20 Registration Fee

Link to 5K registration can be found on our parish website at [www.mhtparish.com](http://www.mhtparish.com)

**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.

**School Staff Changes:** It is with bitter sweet sadness that I inform our school community that Mrs. Amy Klein has decided to resign her position as school secretary. Amy has decided to retire and spend more time with her family, especially all of her grandchildren. Amy dedicated the past 14 years serving our school families with a friendliness and warmth matched by no one. Her loyalty and commitment to Most Holy Trinity School and parish will be greatly missed. While I am excited for Amy and this new chapter, I can't imagine the school office without her. Thank you Amy Klein – be happy and enjoy!

**Job Posting:** Most Holy Trinity School is accepting applications for a part-time school administrative assistant beginning in August 2022. A successful candidate can demonstrate a high level of communication skills, discretion in conversation in order to maintain school/student/family privacy, organization, computer software skills, and flexibility. He or she should also be able to make independent decisions consistent with the overall mission of the school. Applicants must have a high school diploma and experience as an office assistant with a warm, welcoming personality. Preference will be given to practicing Catholics who are active members in their parish community. Letters of application and resumes should be sent to Anne Hufnagel at Most Holy Trinity Parish either by email (principal@mhtparish.com), dropped off at the MHT Parish office, or sent to the following address: 545 N. Maple St., Fowler, MI, 48835.

**“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do.”**  
 – Pope John XXIII



**24th Annual Golf Outing hosted by Ithaca Council 8785**  
 (Proceeds go to local council charities)

- When:** Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022 - 9am shotgun start
- Where:** North Star Golf Course, 4550 S. Bagley Rd., Ithaca Golf Course ph#: 989-875-3841
- Cost:** \$50/person or \$200/team for a 4-person scramble (male or female)
- Included:** 18 holes of golf, cart, door prize, coffee and doughnuts, hot dogs, and dinner
- Registration Deadline:** **August 10**

Registration forms can be downloaded from our parish website or picked up in the parish office. Send registration form and check(s) payable to Ithaca K of C Council 8785 - Mail to: Paul Hornak, 510 Leeward Court, Ithaca, MI 48847 - For more information, contact Paul Hornak at 989-331-1168 [p1hornak@gmail.com] or John Pohl 989 640-6081 [johnannettepohl@gmail.com]



**Weekday Rosary**

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses. This week, we pray for divine protection of the unborn.

**OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity**

<b>July 2 &amp; 3 Collection</b> .....	\$ 14,948.25
Online Giving.....	\$ 1,928.83
<b>Special Collections</b>	
ETF .....	\$ 5.00
Capital Improvements .....	\$ 215.00
Newspapers .....	\$ 130.00

**June Financials**

Sunday Collection - All Sources .....	\$ 37,852.40
Sunday Collections - Year to Date .....	\$ 699,636.53
Sunday Collections - FY 21 Budget .....	\$ 750,000.00
Percentage Collected Through June .....	93.28%

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023**

World Youth Day is an enormously grace-filled event. It features quite a number of amazing events but always concludes with an outdoor vigil where all the participants gather together. They spend the night at the place of the vigil and the next morning attend Mass celebrated by the Pope. World Youth Day in 2023 will take place in Lisbon, Portugal from August 1st through the 6th. This location allows participants to visit Fatima where Mother Mary appeared to the three shepherd children in 1917 and where occurred the great miracle of the sun dancing in the sky. WYD is open to those aged 18-35 at the time of the pilgrimage. It does require a level of physical fitness as pilgrims walk a number of miles every day, usually in large crowds, and sometimes while carrying all their belongings with them. We have a good number of young people from St. Mary's planning to attend and would like to open up the opportunity to MHT parishioners as well. For more information or to register for the upcoming pilgrimage to Portugal for World Youth Day, please contact the Parish Office.

**“When you reflect upon what I tell you in the depths of your heart, you profit more than if you had read many books. Oh, if souls would only want to listen to My voice when I am speaking in the depths of their hearts, they would reach the peak of holiness in a short time.”**  
 -Excerpt from *St. Faustina Diary, 584.*

**- Sponsor of the Week -**

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

### DAILY MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES

#### MONDAY

Mass at 8:15am (1st, 3rd, 5th Monday) at St. Mary's  
 Mass at 8:15am (2nd & 4th Monday) at MHT  
 Confessions at 5:30pm at St. Mary's

#### TUESDAY

Mass at 8:15am at MHT

#### WEDNESDAY

Confessions at 5:30pm at MHT  
 Mass at 7:00pm at MHT

#### THURSDAY

Mass at 8:15am at St. Mary's  
 Confessions at 9:30am at MHT

#### FRIDAY

Mass at 8:15am at St. Mary's

#### SATURDAY

Confessions at 3:00pm at St. Mary's  
 Mass at 4:30pm at St. Mary's

#### SUNDAY

Mass at 8am & 10am at St. Mary's  
 Mass at 8:30am, 10:30am, & 6pm at MHT

#### Monday - July 11

8:15am Robert Armbrustmacher, Including Alma

#### Tuesday - July 12

8:15am Lawrence Frechen

#### Wednesday - July 13

5:45am Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration  
 5:30pm Confessions  
 7:00pm Charles Miller & Living & Deceased  
 Members of the Family

#### Thursday - July 14

8:15am Mass at St. Mary's  
 9:30am Confessions

#### Friday - July 15

8:15am Mass at St. Mary's

#### Saturday - July 16

4:30pm Mass at St. Mary's

#### Sunday - July 17

8:30am Joseph Schueller, Including Riley  
 10:30am Protection of the Unborn  
 6:00pm Richard Schmitz

### PLEASE NOTE

We are in need of several volunteers for Masses this coming week/weekend. If you plan on attending a certain Mass & are able to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You & God Bless!

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### July 11 - July 17

### SERVERS

### SACRISTANS

Monday, July 11 - 8:15am

Sacristan

Jerry Klein

Tuesday, July 12 - 8:15am

Sacristan

Jerry Klein

Wednesday, July 13 - 7:00pm

Braxton Myers,  
1 Volunteer Needed

Luke Goerge

Sunday, July 17 - 8:30am

Aaron & Josie Simon

Luke Goerge

Sunday, July 17 - 10:30am

Faith & Chevy Phillips

Gerry Davis

Sunday, July 17 - 6:00pm

2 Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Needed

### July 10

### Reader

### ExMHC

### Ushers

Sunday - 8:30am

Lyle Simon

Tom O'Rourke, 2 Volunteers Needed,  
 Ralph Feldpausch,

Jamey Myers, Adam & Laurie Platte, Dean Platte

Sunday - 10:30am

James Bozung

Kristin Phillips, Angela Reed, Gerry Davis

Kirk Phillips, Leon Schneider, Roy Witgen,  
1 Volunteer Needed

Sunday - 6:00pm

Volunteer Needed

4 Volunteers Needed

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### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Monday, July 11, 2022 - St. Mary School Cafeteria

Please join us for the July blood drive to be held Monday, July 11, 2022 from 1:00-6:45 pm, St. Mary School Cafeteria, Westphalia. To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code with your phone's camera, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: Westphalia) or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Walk-in donors are also welcome if there are open slots. Bring a friend, save a life!

-Christian Mothers & Women's Guild and Knights of Columbus

