



Most Holy Trinity, Fowler
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 15, 2018

*“Jesus summoned the Twelve
and began to send them out
two by two and gave
them authority
over unclean spirits...”*

Mark 6:7

From The Pastor's Desk

This week I have asked Paul Fahey to share with us.
God Bless, Fr. Dennis



I am blessed to be involved with many ministries around the parish. I pray with, evangelize, and teach every age from Kindergarten on up. And while I really enjoy most of these ministries, one of my favorite parts of my job is answering questions in the junior high and high school classrooms. Whether it's the Religious Ed class I'm regularly teaching or an MHT theology class that I'm visiting, I love

answering questions about the faith that are asked out of genuine curiosity. Questions like: Do animals go to heaven? Why do people suffer? Who is your favorite saint? What are angels and demons? Do Catholics believe in evolution? These are questions many adults have but don't have the innocent boldness of kids to ask. It's here where I'm able to share stories about my life and family to help illustrate explain the faith. It's here where I'm best able to share my own love of Christ and his Church with the students. It's here where I'm fulfilling my vocation as a catechist.

That's what I wanted to talk about in this article: the vocation of a catechist. As is the case pretty much every summer, some catechists move on to other ministries and vocations leaving the parish with a need for more catechists. This upcoming school year the parish is in need of catechists for various classes in middle school, junior high, and high school.

This isn't a bad thing by any means and neither is it unexpected. The vast majority of catechists are volunteers (or receive a small stipend per each class) who serve this ministry for the season of their life that God calls them to. Sometimes this season lasts just one school year and sometimes it lasts decades. But when God asks you to respond to his call he will open the doors to make it happen, and he will close doors when he wants you to serve someplace else. The parish's need for catechists is a regular opportunity for you to ask God if he wants you to minister in this way, an opportunity to follow his will even in unexpected ways. So I wanted to explain to you what the vocation of catechist is and then practically speaking what a catechist does here at Most Holy Trinity.

The vocation of catechist is both very simple and very profound. Our diocese describes a catechist this way:

“A Catechist in the Diocese of Lansing is one who has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They have the desire to teach and have responded to a call from God to participate in the Church's mission to lead and encourage others to the same.”

From Paul, Continued . . .

In other words, a catechist is someone who has a personal relationship with Christ and a desire to invite others, specifically students, into a similar relationship. It's that simple. A catechist doesn't need a teaching degree or a theology degree. A catechist doesn't need to be a daily Mass goer. And a catechist certainly doesn't need to have all the answers - just leave those for me to answer when I visit the class :) Catechists are simply people who love Jesus, love to learn about Jesus, and have been called by God to share that love with others.

So what does this look like here at MHT? If someone feels called by God to be a catechist, or if someone is curious and just wants to know more about what being a catechist looks like, they contact me and we set up a time to meet. At the meeting I ask about why the person is interested in this ministry, I ask about their relationship with God, and I explain all the details and answer any questions about religious ed. We have textbooks and other resources for catechists to use in class. We have regular catechetical formation opportunities for catechists to continue learning about the faith and to ask the questions they have. We will have opportunities to go on catechists retreats. And we do our best to pair up new catechists with one or two other people so that the strengths and talents of a team overcome the fears and weaknesses of individuals.

If you feel God tugging at your heart as you are reading this, or if you have felt a desire to be a catechist in the past, please take that to prayer and sincerely ask God what he wants you to do. If you still think that God is asking you to consider this ministry then please reach out to me and we will talk about what to do next. My job isn't to recruit people to fill a need; rather, it's to help people see where God is calling them and how they can best respond. As Father Dennis often says, we don't call ourselves to a ministry. Jesus, through the Church, calls us. Responding to God and living out the vocations he has called us to is how we truly live a joyful and fulfilled life, and how the Love of God reaches the hearts and minds of all people.

Christ's Peace,

-Paul

**50/50 Support the Faith Raffle**

Thank you to all who took part in the Knights of Columbus Support the Faith 50/50 raffle. The first week's winners of \$100 each are **Gary Weber, Thomas Thelen, Bruce Schafer, and Alfred Halfmann.**

Also, the July winners from the Holy Cross Children's Calendar sale are **Richard Feldpausch** and **Henry Burkhardt.** They will receive \$100 each. Thank you to all who participated.



The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is to pray for the unemployed. May they seek the Lord's help in finding gainful employment.

2018 Made for Happiness Diocesan Assembly

Our third Diocesan Assembly, "Made for Happiness" is going to be at the Breslin Center in East Lansing on **Saturday, September 22.** The day will feature a Eucharistic Procession from the Cathedral to the Breslin Center, and conclude with Mass. Many other activities are also planned including talks by Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jennifer Fulwiller. 15,000 people are expected to attend! To register or find out more information go to <https://madeforhappiness.org/>.



We are ordering shirts for the Assembly. They will cost \$10 and will be available for pick up at the Parish Booth at the Festival. Proceeds will benefit our youth ministry program. Go to the parish website today to order your shirt!

Most Holy Trinity School Job Opening

Most Holy Trinity School is taking applications for a part-time, two days a week (approximately 10 - 15 hours per week) school aide position. Applicants must have a high school degree and meeting one of the following criteria is preferred, but not required:

- (1) possess at least 60 credit hours toward a college diploma;
- (2) possess an associate's or higher degree;
- (3) pass one of the following tests: the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC), the ACT WorkKeys Proficiency [Certificate](#) for Teacher Assistants (PCTA), or the ParaPro assessment by Educational Testing Services (ETS).

Brief job description:

- ** Working in the library (duties similar to a school librarian)
- ** Providing academic assistance and support to students one-on-one and in group settings
- ** Assisting volunteers in maintaining the scrip program
- ** Supervising daily recess and/or lunchroom
- ** Providing guidance, organization, & leadership to student council as the advisor
- ** Assisting teachers and staff with school activities such as March is Reading Month, Veterans' Celebration, etc.

Letters of application and resumes can be submitted to Anne Hufnagel via email (principal@mhtparish.com), dropping it off at the MHT Parish Office, or by sending it to 545 N. Maple St. in Fowler.

Most Holy Trinity Parish Festival News July 26, 27, 28, 29

Volleyball Tournament: 4 on 4 co-ed outdoor tournament on Saturday, July 28th behind the Waldron Middle School in Fowler. Cost is \$80 per team. There is a competitive and recreational division. The tournament starts at 8:00 am, but teams should arrive at least 15 minutes early for registration. To sign your team up, please contact Mike Feldpausch by phone 989-593-2757 or email at feldpauschmr@hotmail.com or use the online form on the parish website. The deadline to sign up is July 28.

Touch A Truck: Will take place Saturday, July 28th at 7:00 p.m. on Most Holy Trinity Parish grounds. All children are invited to come and see the "Big Rigs" up close! Learn how they work and find out what all those gadgets are for! Additionally, up to 100 children's bicycle helmets will be fitted and given away compliments of Sparrow Hospital. Don't miss your chance to sit in the driver's seat at Touch A Truck!



Family Movie Night: This year's movie feature is "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle". The movie will be shown on Saturday, July 28th on a large canvas at Fink Field with concessions available under the pavilion. The movie starts at dusk. Come join us for this great family event. If inclement weather, the movie will be canceled.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament: Sunday July 29th at 8:00 AM on the east side of the church. A registration form and \$60 team entry fee are due by July 18. Entry forms are available online on the parish festival page www.mhtparish.com or by calling Tim Andros at 989-666-3314.

Parade: Sunday, July 29th – The theme is "Board Games". There will be cash prizes (1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, and 3rd place - \$25) awarded for the top three floats using the theme. Please meet at the water tower by 10:45 a.m. for registration and instructions. For more information please call Kate Davis.

Bean Bag Toss Tournament: All kids from 1 to 100 are invited to give it their best shot in this fun and entertaining competition Sunday, July 29th starting at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person and will take place in front of the church. Cash prizes will be awarded. Sign up with Sally or Rob Becker at the Bean Bag Toss table.

Inflatables: The kids will be sure to have a great time all day when you bring them to the Inflatables. They can jump all day long (from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.!) Just purchase a "jump all day wristband" at the inflatable ticket booth located on the north end of the parking lot.

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Special Raffle: We're very grateful that Domik and Rachel Feldpausch have once again decided to donate two hand crafted crucifixes this year for the special raffle. One is made of barn wood and the other is dark walnut with a maple stripe. Tickets will be sold at entrance of the food court in the Activity Center.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Stop in the church anytime from 1:00 – 5:00 PM on Sunday, July 29th to spend time with the Lord in Adoration

Euchre Tournament: On Friday, July 27th at the Social Tent, we'll be having a progressive Euchre Tournament. The tournament will be scored on an individual basis so you don't have to have a partner. Registration is at 6:30 PM with a 7:00 PM start time and should end by 9:30 PM. The cost is \$20 to play (plus a quarter for each time you go set). Cost includes the cover charge for the Social Tent. Prizes available for top five places (if we have 30 players). If you have questions, please contact Kyle Koenigsknecht at 989-292-0237.

Country Store & Festival Desserts: All families are asked to donate desserts to the Parish Festival. Below is a list of possible ideas of what to bring but please feel free to make whatever is your favorite since that is guaranteed to be a top seller! Please bring all desserts to the Activity Center from 9 AM to noon on Sunday, July 29th. Items should be placed in non-returnable containers, zip-lock bags, or other unused bags and marked with the type of baked good.

Please consider bringing any of the following to donate to the Country Store:

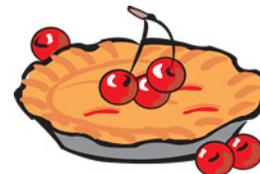
- 3 Dozen Cinnamon Rolls
- 4 Dozen Cookies, Bars, or Brownies
- 2 Double Crusted Pies
- 3 Loaves of Homemade Bread

Or

Donate to the Food Court Dessert Prep Station in the Activity Center by bringing either:
2 Baked Pies or 2 Cheesecakes (16 slices)

Or

Make a \$10 donation if you are unable to donate a baked good



Arts & Crafts: Collection has begun for the Arts and Crafts donations for the Parish Festival. Don't think you are crafty enough to make something? Then be a bargain shopper! Take advantage of sales. It's always fun to find nicer items on sale for the suggested expenditure of \$7.

Suggestions: Household, children & baby items. School or team affiliation, MSU, U of M, Fowler Eagles, Detroit Tigers. Anything summer. Christmas items don't move well.

Donations can be left in the box at the main entrance of the church or can be dropped off at the Arts and Crafts booth at the picnic.

Car Show: Thursday night July 26 downtown Fowler.

Fowler Downtown Sidewalk Sales: Downtown businesses will have sidewalk sales on Friday, July 27th from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm and Saturday, July 28th from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm.

Social Tent: Friday July 27: 6:00 to 7:00pm Happy Hour (1/2 off drinks) 7:00 - 11:30 pm. Stop in for Drinks, pulled pork and pizza. Vegas Tent which includes Blackjack, Let it Ride, Money Wheel, and new this year Texas Hold-em! You must be 21 to enter.

THE BEST TIME YOU WILL SPEND ON EARTH.



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Monthly Holy Hour
Thursday, August 2nd 6:30 till 8:00 pm.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
confessions, prayer teams,
praise and worship music

COF Meeting



The Catholic Order of Foresters is having the next board/membership meeting on Wednesday, July 18th at 7:00 pm at the VFW Hall. All members are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU

The family of **Denny Schafer** would like to thank all of their family and friends for the outpouring of love and support. Also, thank you to Father Dennis for the funeral Mass, Rosie VanElls and the choir for the beautiful music, Vickie Wieber and all those who helped with the funeral dinner, and everyone who sent cards, brought food and remembered Denny and all of us in their prayers. We are truly humbled by the countless acts of kindness of so many.

Tammy Schafer, Kary and Chad Schafer, Stacey & Eric Simon, Daric & Angela Schafer, Travis Schafer

CANCER BENEFIT

For Diane Luna
July 22nd

2-5 p.m., St. Joseph School Gym, Pewamo. There will be a silent auction and luncheon. \$7.00 at the door.

For more information, please call Ronda Martin 989-640-6303 or Doug Hyland 517-282-7455.



Volunteers Needed

MSU Football Games: MSU continues looking for additional volunteers for their Home Football Games. If you enjoy the excitement of Game Day, greeting & assisting fans, watching the second half for FREE, and helping the Knights of Columbus, please consider becoming a volunteer! For each volunteer, MSU will donate \$60 to Fowler's council.

Volunteers must be 18, but do not need to be K of C Members. Ask your spouse, family members, friends and neighbors. MSU does require a background check.

To get a background check form or have questions answered, please contact Al Ruhl at 989-593-3321, 989-245-4912, or ajruler@4wbi.net.

Knights of Columbus position



Fowler Knights of Columbus is looking for a new Financial Secretary. Assignment is 3 years with a stipend included. Must be a Knight to apply. Contact Dan Feldpausch (517-256-4752) or Dave Vincent (989-780-0541) if interested. Position is to be filled by the 1st of September.

Thank you!

The family of Myah Schneider would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for all the prayers, meals, cards & support over the past few months. The outpouring of generosity and prayers has been incredible for both her surgery and NICU stay at Mott Children's Hospital. We have seen many answered prayers and are forever grateful. We ask that you continue to keep Myah in your prayers as she continues her journey.

Thank You!
 Aaron, Lisa, Trey, Lane, Jase & Myah

Scrip summer ordering:



Scrip is available at the parish office from 8:00 – 3:00, M-F. Orders will be placed on the following Mondays; **July 23, Aug. 6 & 20.**

Great Lakes Scrip made changes to the order & payment process to make your experience easier. If you would like to learn more about the program & how you can use it to help defray the cost of a Catholic Education, visit the MHT Parish website or contact the school. Anyone can purchase gift cards, you do not have to have a student at MHT School to use scrip.

Sponsor of the Week

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

Smith Family Funeral Homes
Goerge Chapel



Kiley Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Jeff and Rebecca (Thelen) Martin

Nolan James Platte, son of Brandon and Kate (Martin) Platte

We welcome Kiley and Nolan 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, Lynda Esch, Janet Armbrustmacher (Allan), Marie Weber, Jenine Kloeckner, Jennifer Ledger, Josiah Ledger, Adam Pohl, Jordy Wohlscheid, Sharon Becker, Jennifer Grace Schrauben, Janet Simon, Dale Young, Brent Baese, Shane Grinnell, Richard Bushamp, Janet (Ray) Armbrustmacher, Alan & Therese Kramer, Christopher Martin, and a special intention.

Please contact the parish office to inform us when we can add or remove a person's 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.

Thank you

Thank you to Sharon Pung and Eric Pung for graciously donating dish cloths and towels for use at the Activity Center! Many families will benefit from your generosity.

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

July 7 & 8 Collection..... \$13,869.10

Special Collections

Newspapers..... \$30.00
 Capitol Improvement..... \$5.00

Readings for the Week of July 15 2018

Monday Isaiah 1:10-17; Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday Isaiah 7:1-9; Psalms 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Psalms 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Psalms 102:13-14ab & 15, 16-18, 19-21; Matthew 11:28-30
Friday Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Isaiah 38:10-11, 12abcd, 16; Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday Micah 2:1-5; Psalms 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Matthew 12:14-21



MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Monday - July 16

7:00 p.m. + Linus & Vesta Arens including Roman & Albin

Tuesday - July 17

8:15 a.m. + No Mass

Wednesday - July 18

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. + No Mass

Thursday - July 19

8:15 a.m. + No Mass

Friday - July 20

8:15 a.m. + No Mass

Saturday - July 21

4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday - July 22

8:30 a.m. + Stan Platte (1st Anniversary) including Jane

10:30 a.m. + Richard Schueller & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Ushers for Saturday & Sunday, July 21 & 22

4:30 p.m. - Gary Weber, Keith Weber, Jerome Klein, Volunteer

8:30 a.m. Gerry Schomisch, Philip Schmitt, Ralph Feldpausch, Volunteer

10:30 a.m. - Dan Pung, Duane Pung, Ken Halfman, Volunteer

Mass Servers for Saturday & Sunday, July 21 & 22

4:30 p.m. - Sam, Anna, & Jack Vanneste, Volunteer

8:30 a.m. - Kara Esch, Nathan Epkey, Logan & Keegan Klein

10:30 a.m. - Chad Klein, Hudson Phillips, Kiley Bengel, Volunteer

Mass Servers During This Week

Mon, 7:00 p.m. - Nolan & Selena Stump, Jonah Thelen

Tues., 8:15 a.m. - **NO MASS**

Wed., 7:00 p.m. - **NO MASS**

Thurs., 8:15 a.m. - **NO MASS**

Fri., 8:15 a.m. - **NO MASS**

Blessed Mother Statue



The statue of Mary is available to take home on the weekends. Take this opportunity to enter into prayer and closeness with our Blessed Mother. Use the sign up sheet in the back of church.

July 15, 2018

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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

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