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# MOST HOLY TRINITY

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*Strive to enter through  
the narrow door...*

*Luke 13:24*

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**We would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome Deacon Eric to Most Holy Trinity!**

**We are excited to have him on board and have enjoyed working with and getting to know him over the past several weeks!**

**How a “Regular Guy” Becomes a Deacon**

Hello Most Holy Trinity. Some of you have seen me around the parish or at Mass already or read my periodic bulletin column, but I thought you might like to know a bit about me because I will be helping at MHT for the foreseeable future. I hope you don't hold it against me, but I am a big-city boy, having grown up in Detroit. On the flip side, however, I did marry a good Catholic woman from Hubbardston almost 42 years ago. We have five children (four married) and have 12 grandchildren, with one on the way. We have lived in St. Johns since 1993 and I have been a deacon at St. Joseph Parish for three years. Here's how that came about.

**The Call:** Did you ever get a call that you didn't expect? You know the type that kind of left you confused, wondering if it was intended for you or not. That's a lot like it was for me in the Spring of 2013. I had been looking for more in my faith, but could never get enough. I felt like a sponge that couldn't be spiritually saturated. I was asked if I had ever considered the diaconate and, though I had doubts the diocese would accept me at age 61, I started discerning.

For weeks on end, I repeatedly read and contemplated Jesus' words "those who have ears to hear ought to hear." But I heard nothing until Jesus asked me this question: "Can you cut that last tether preventing you from giving yourself totally to me?" When I answered "Yes," I was on my way to ordination in May, 2019. Eric, the regular guy in the pew, became Deacon Eric.

**The Ministry:** The call to the diaconate is a call to serve the Lord at the altar and also a call to community. At Most Holy Trinity, I will help Fr. Eric Weber in both areas, with a primary focus on funerals and the sacraments of Baptism and Marriage. If other areas develop where I can be of help, I will do so. But please understand this: I am here to help. Fr. Eric, Fr. Peter and new Parish Administrator Jordan Spitzley have a mountain of work. I'm here to help them and the parish as a whole wherever I can.

I feel quite humbled that the Lord chose me to serve him as a deacon late in my life. The graces and consolations he has afforded me in this ministry have been amazing, even in this short three-year period. I strongly urge anyone even remotely considering the diaconate to pray on it. I am willing to discuss it with anyone who may be interested. It takes time and effort, but the rewards are priceless.

-Deacon Eric

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — Aaron Epkey, DRE (989)593-3174 — dre@mhtparish.com**

**K-12 Religious Education Registration is well underway:** This year we are excited to add Kindergarten to First-Eighth Religious Education. Like 1st - 8th, they will have release time from the public school one time during the week. A schedule for the year is in the process of being completed. If you have not already registered your children, visit [mhtparish.com](http://mhtparish.com) for online registration or printable forms. Forms are also available in the vestibule of the church. Printable forms can be dropped off at the parish/school office or put in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Religious Education."

**The start dates/times for the 2022/23 Religious Education year are as follows:**

**9th-12th High School Youth**

Mondays beginning September 26 7:15pm - 8:30pm (We will be returning to a Monday night weekly format)

**K-8th Grade**

Release time from the public school will begin the week of September 26

**Discern the Call to Echo Down the Joy of the Gospel:**

Catechists are needed to serve in our K-8th Religious Education program. Students will have release time from the public school one time during the week. In the Gospel, Jesus said, "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Mt. 28:19). In serving as a catechist, you will have the opportunity to respond to our Lord's call by helping our children come to know God and follow Him in their lives. As you nurture the faith of our young people, you will learn and grow as well. As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn and grow in faith from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. Will you say, "Yes?" Please pray and discern. As you do so, please keep in mind the words of Bishop Baron when he says, "We've been invited to work in the vineyard of the Lord. That is the greatest privilege imaginable, to participate in the Lord's work of saving the world." For more information, please contact the Religious Education office.

**YOUTH MINISTRY — Chris Groves (989)593-2162 - youthminister@mhtparish.com**

**ATTENTION:** I am looking for some volunteers that would be willing to give up their time to help with the faith formation nights that we will be putting on for the high school students on Monday nights. If you are interested in helping please fill out this information form or if you have any questions about what this would entail please feel free to reach out and talk to me through email, by calling the office or just drop by the office I am usually around Monday, Tuesday, or Fridays from 8-4.



<https://forms.gle/u3sGGm2jRDeMjgpN8>

Thanks in advance look forward to hearing from you soon!

-Chris Groves, Youth Ministry

**RCIA — Jordan Spitzley, Parish Administrator**  
**(989)593-2162 — administrator@mhtparish.com**



Since Jesus invited His followers to, “Come, follow me”, the image of journey has been used to describe Christian discipleship. For each of us, faith is a journey marked with moments of conversion along the way... we move from unbelief to initial faith, from sin to repentance, from painful isolation to the joyful experience of a loving community, from fear to love.

In John’s Gospel we read about the Samaritan Woman at the well. Jesus tells her “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” *John 4:13-14*

#### Do you know someone who is:

- “Thirsting for God?”
- Not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?
- Already Catholic but has not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Communion? They may be thirsting too!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. If interested please call Jordan Spitzley during office hours at 989.593.2162 for more information.

#### MHT SCHOOL

**Anne Hufnagel — principal@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:

Mon., August 29	Open House 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Tues., August 30	First Day of School (8:00am Announcements & Prayer)
Thurs., September 1	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Fri., September 2	No School
Mon., September 5	No School/Labor Day
Tues., September 6	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

**School Supplies:** Please visit our school website [www.mhtparish.com/school](http://www.mhtparish.com/school) for a complete list of school supplies for the 2022/23 school year.

**Open House:** Mark your calendars for MHT School’s Open House on Monday, August 29, 2022, from 4:30pm – 6:00pm. The staff is looking forward to seeing you and kicking off another special school year.

**Whatever you do, do from the heart,  
as for the Lord and not for others. – Colossians 3:23**

**I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion.**  
*(St. Faustina Diary 186)*

#### MHT ADULT CHOIR NEWS

##### ATTENTION ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS

There will be a short meeting after Mass on August 24th.  
New members are welcome!

#### FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

Due to the high interest and robust attendance at First Friday Masses, we will offer a couple more Mass options. Prior to the summer, we had been offering a 6:15 am Mass at St. Mary’s. The 6:15 Mass will resume in September. On First Fridays when Most Holy Trinity has school, Mass will be offered at MHT at 8:15. These Masses are in addition to the 8:15 Mass that will continue to be offered at St. Mary’s. The First Friday devotion is a beautiful and powerful way of honoring and drawing graces from Jesus’ Sacred Heart which burns with love for us and the whole world.

-Fr. Eric

#### 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.

**I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.**

John 14:6

#### THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Father Peter, Deacon Eric, Jim Keating and Duane Feldpausch for the beautiful funeral mass. Also, thank you to Vern and Bonnie Thelen and their crew for preparing the luncheon as well as those who brought in food. Thanks so much for all the prayers, visits and kindness shown to our family during this difficult time.

Alice Pline Family

#### WEEKDAY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses. This week, we pray for hearts to come alive and burn with a desire to know our Savior.



**INSIGHTS IN THE WORD**

Why would God have put Adam into a deep sleep, opened up his side and taken his rib out to create Eve, when all He needed was the DNA... or He could have just made her out of dirt, like He made Adam?

Because everything in the book is connected, and this creation story is a foreshadowing of the Prophecy of the Son of God. In order for Eve to live, Adam was put into a deep sleep and his side was wounded; so as Jesus was put into a deep sleep and His side was pierced, just like Adam, so that we, the bride - Jesus' Eve- could have life.

"...For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure'..."  
Isaiah 46:9-10

**ST. MARY'S FAMILY FEST**

**ST. MARY 5 MILE RUN, 5K RUN/WALK, AND COLOR RUN IS BACK!**

As part of St. Mary, Westphalia, Parish Family Fest 2022, we are pleased to welcome back the 5 Mile Run, 5K Run/Walk, and Kids Run on **Saturday, September 24.**

Registration is now open!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Westphalia/StMaryFamilyFest>.

In addition, paper registration forms are available for download at this site. Please contact Darren & Becky Kramer at (517) 626-2098 or at [stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you in advance for your support.

**See you at the starting line!**

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**FOWLER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**Congratulations to our \$100 Support the Faith Raffle Drawing Winners:**

**MHT PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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

<b>August 13 &amp; 14 Collection</b> .....	\$ 9,709.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2,022.71
<b>Total Sunday Collection</b> .....	\$ 11,731.71

**Special Collections**

ETF .....	\$ 125.00
Assumption .....	\$ 247.00
Newspapers .....	\$ 5.00
School Support Envelopes .....	\$ 255.00

**- 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**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you have something that you would like posted in the parish bulletin, please contact the parish office and we'd be happy to talk with you about publishing it. Bulletin articles are due no later than Monday morning. Thank you & God Bless!

**- Please Pray For Our Friends and Relatives -**

Bishop Mengeling  
Fr. Dennis  
Fr. Bill Lugger  
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  
Gary Schueller  
Ray Hamilton  
Ralph Feldpausch  
Dane VanElls  
Elaine Kramer  
David Maniez  
Elvan Halfmann  
Constance M. Schafer  
Jacob Hamilton  
Chris Waldron  
Terry Waldron  
Jeff Koenigsknecht  
Katherine Koenigsknecht  
Dale L. Thelen  
Jason Thelen  
Adele Zamarron

Laurie Becker  
Russell Tiedt  
Maurice Schmitz  
Kevin Orth  
Rodney Robbe  
Andrew Hogan  
Laura Stegenaga  
Joanne McNamara  
Mary McCausey  
Kathy Gibbs  
Steve Nobis  
Bob Shannon  
Kayli VanBelkum  
David Antes  
A Special Intention, & for unity within our parish family.

**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.

**Holy Hour is prayed for the unborn** every Monday & Wednesday from 8am - 9am in the Church.

**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.

\*Please contact the Parish Office to add/remove someone from the list.

**MHT MINISTRY SCHEDULE****Monday, August 22 - 8:15am**

**Sacristan** Gary Weber  
**Reader** Linda Epkey  
**Servers** Sacristan

**Tuesday, August 23 - 8:15am**

**Sacristan** Jerome Pohl  
**Reader** Rosie Feldpausch  
**Servers** Sacristan

**Wednesday, August 24 - 7:00pm**

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Luke Goerge  
**Servers** Jamison, Donnivon & Remington  
 Schueller

**Sunday, August 28 - 8:30am**

**Sacristan** Paul Horak  
**Reader** Kevin Schafer  
**Servers** Nolan, Selena, Molly & Chase Stump  
**ExMHC** Susie Koenigsknecht, Jane Sisung &  
 Ronn Thelen

**Ushers** **4 Volunteers Needed**

**Sunday, August 28 - 10:30am**

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Kristin Phillips  
**Servers** Xavier & Peter Simon,  
 Drew Armbrustmacher  
**ExMHC** Tricia Goerge, Cindy Halfman.

**Ushers** **1 Volunteer Needed**  
 Kirk Phillips, Dan Pung, Gary Weber,  
 Mike Koenigsknecht

**Sunday, August 28 - 6:00pm**

**Sacristan** Gerry Davis  
**Reader** Robert Orme  
**Servers** Logan & Andrew Platte, Collin Feldpausch  
**ExMHC** Kyle Koenigsknecht, Jean Koenigsknecht,  
**Ushers** **1 Volunteer Needed**  
 Jerome Thelen, Larry Jandernoa,  
 Gerry Arens, Chris Conner

**Parish Office - 593-2162**  
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**MASSES THIS WEEK****Monday - August 22 (MHT)**

8:15am †Leonard & Marian Thelen, Including  
 Deceased Members of the Family  
 †Barbara Parsons, Including Jim  
 Koenigsknecht  
 5:30pm Confessions - St. Mary's

**Tuesday - August 23 (MHT)**

8:15am †For the Intensions of the MHT School  
 Staff as they Prepare for the New School  
 Year

**Wednesday - August 24 (MHT)**

5:45am Eucharistic Adoration - MHT  
 5:30pm Confessions - MHT  
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - MHT  
 7:00pm †Greg Platte, Including Carl & Laurene  
 Thelen & Deceased Members of the Family  
 †Roy N. Pung & Living & Deceased  
 Members of the Family

**Thursday - August 25 (St Mary's)**

8:15am †Jeff Martin, Including Dan, Carol & Dan  
 9:30am Confessions - MHT

**Friday - August 26 (St Mary's)**

8:15am †Jim Pung, Including Deceased Members  
 of the Family  
 †Alan Kramer

**Saturday - August 27 (St. Mary's)**

3:00pm Confessions - St. Mary's  
 4:30pm †Raymond & Joan Thelen, Including  
 Deceased Members of the Family

**Sunday - August 28 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:00am †Sherry Fedewa (1yr Ann.)  
 (St. Mary's)  
 8:30am †Ray Armbrustmacher, Including Janet &  
 Living & Deceased Members of the Family  
 (MHT)  
 10:00am †Larry Keilen  
 (St. Mary's)  
 10:30am †Clem U. Thelen & Living & Deceased  
 Members of the Family  
 (MHT)  
 6:00pm People of the Parish  
 (MHT)

**MASS & CONFESSION TIMES**

- MHT PARISH -  
**WEEKEND MASSES**  
 Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
 Monday (2nd & 4th) - 8:15am  
 Tuesday - 8:15am  
 Wednesday - 7:00pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Wednesday - 5:30pm  
 Thursday - 9:30am

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- ST. MARY PARISH -  
**WEEKEND MASSES**  
 Saturday - 4:30pm  
 Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
 Monday (1st, 3rd, 5th) - 8:15am  
 Thursday - 8:15am  
 Friday - 8:15am

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Monday - 5:30pm  
 Saturday - 3:00pm  
 Thursday before First Friday - 2:00pm