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# MOST HOLY TRINITY

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The one who humbles himself  
**WILL BE EXALTED**

MATTHEW 23:12

Let us pray to truly see ourselves. It is only when we look, with humility, that we can identify vices (weaknesses) and seek the corresponding virtue (dignity).

Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner!

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

**August Clouds**

I have taken notice lately of a natural phenomenon that I never noticed before: the regal quality of August clouds. One of the great gifts God gives us is beauty in nature. But it's also a gift that can be overlooked, as we get caught up in the busyness of 21 st century life. As such, August clouds are now something that are on my own personal Doppler Radar.

Unnoticed beauty, whether in nature, or art, feels like a discovery - though millions of people have likely made that same discovery already. I guess it's something like panning for gold. If one finds a gold nugget then he/she is joyous - oblivious to the millions who have successfully panned or mined gold in the past. When it is ours, it is ours. The discovery is a personal one. And it's also an opportunity to stop and thank the Lord for the little joys available to us if we just take a moment to look.

The first time I noticed these picturesque clouds I was traveling from Lansing to St. Johns. I saw several clouds wide and tall, yet stationery. They were dark at the bottom, but bright white at the top. They weren't threatening, yet appeared powerful. A few days later, traveling east from Fowler I saw three large clouds just hanging there right in front of me, amazingly symmetrical in size and shape, but without the dark to white pattern of the earlier ones. They reminded me much more of cotton balls perfectly arranged and stacked pyramid-style.

I have now put myself on the alert for different styles of clouds for no particular reason, except to enjoy. Way back in the 1960s, singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell wrote a song that used clouds as an example of the need to look at life and love from different angles. Entitled "Both Sides Now," the song starts out on a positive note:

Rows and floes of angel hair  
And ice cream castles in the air  
And feather canyons everywhere  
I've looked at clouds that way

She has a different take in the second verse:

But now they only block the sun  
They rain and snow on everyone  
So many things I would have done  
But clouds got in my way.

If I were to look at my August clouds from an airplane at 15 thousand feet, I undoubtedly would have had a different perspective. But I also hope that from that airplane view, I still would have appreciated God's glory and creation in a different way. I would be observing his beauty not only in the clouds, but in the mountains, rivers and oceans. I could have a greater appreciation of his gifts to us. Unlike Mitchell, whose song turns pessimistic and leaves her disillusioned about clouds, love and life, I now have something more to thank God for - beauty itself.

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**PLEASE NOTE:  
NEW OFFICE HOURS**

Please be advised, due to scheduling conflicts, starting August 29, the parish office will open after the 8:15 AM Mass, or 9 AM if Mass is said at St. Mary's.

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

God loves you immensely in a way you can never imagine!

**“For God so loved world that He gave His only-begotten Son.” (John 3:16)**

Sometimes we may think of Religious Education as merely another program to enroll our children. But, what we are really offering is a relationship/friendship with the Living God. Religious Education is about sharing this friendship with others; providing opportunities to learn and experience the life changing power of God Himself. It is about a friendship with a God who is real, who comes, who visits, who is interested, who reveals himself, who heals/forgives and who invites us to participate in His very divine life. As we approach the beginning of K-12 Religious Education, let's keep in our hearts the words of Pope Benedict XVI when he says, "Life is being in relationship with God. When we are in relationship with the one who lives, then we love, then we truly love & have hope that lasts."

**K-12 Registration:** We invite you to register your children in this year's K-12 Religious Education. If you have not already registered your children, forms are available at the entrances of the church. Online registration and printable forms are also available at [mhtparish.com](http://mhtparish.com) homepage. Printable forms may be returned to the parish office or put in the weekend collection basket in an envelope marked "Religious Education." The start dates/times are as follows:

**K-8 Students**

K-8 Students will have release time from the Waldron Elementary & Middle School to attend Religious Education at Most Holy Trinity **starting the week of September 26:**

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| K - Fridays 2:10-2:50     | 5th - Tuesdays 2:07-3:00   |
| 1st - Fridays 1:00-2:00   | 6th - Wednesdays 2:07-3:00 |
| 2nd - Thursdays 1:00-2:00 | 7th - Thursdays 2:07-3:00  |
| 3rd - Thursdays 2:00-3:00 | 8th - Fridays 2:07-3:00    |
| 4th - Mondays 1:00-2:00   |                            |

**High School Youth**

We will be returning to weekly Monday nights **beginning Monday, September 26 from 7:15pm to 8:30pm** at the Parish Activity Center.

**Flocknote:** We invite parents to sign-up for Flocknote to stay up to date with the K-8 Religious Education & High School Youth Ministry:

**K-8 Grade Parents**

Text: RELEDPARENT To: 84576

**High School Parents**

Text: HSYOUTHSPARENT To: 84576

[www.mhtparish.com](http://www.mhtparish.com)

**"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." -John 14:6**

**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.

**“What then shall we say to this?  
If God is for us, who can stand against us?”  
Romans 8:31**

**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:**

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| 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 4:30 – 6:00pm. The staff is looking forward to seeing you and kicking off another special school year.

**Happy the one who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding! Her profit is better than profit in silver, and better than gold in her revenue. – Proverbs 3: 13-14**

**MHT EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND**

The MHT Educational Trust Fund will be hosting a Wills & Estates and Planned Giving seminar. This seminar will be at Most Holy Trinity Activity Center on Sunday, September 18 starting after the 6:00 pm Mass. Matt Hufnagel, President of the Catholic Foundation at the Diocese of Lansing, and John Wieber, Attorney in St Johns, will share information on the topics of wills, trusts, probate, planned giving through the Catholic Foundation, and a Q&A. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. All are welcome to attend. Contact the parish office at 989-593-2162 with any questions.

**HAPPY 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
FRANK & CHERYL RADEMACHER!!!**

Congratulations to Frank and Cheryl Rademacher, as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 1, 2022! Please send anniversary cards to them at:

Frank & Cheryl Rademacher  
1215 Silver Ridge Court  
Greenville, MI 48838

**FWLER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

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

Robert A. Thelen  
Arlene Jandernoa  
Mark Simon

**EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - 6:30PM**

St. Mary Church welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.



Among the treasures will be relics of the Twelve Apostles, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Maria Goretti, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Joan of Arc.


There will also be a fragment of the veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.

Presented by Fr Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross  
HELD IN THE CHURCH ON

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 6:30PM**

Visit [www.treasuresofthechurch.com](http://www.treasuresofthechurch.com) for more information.

St. Mary Church  
201 N Westphalia St.  
Westphalia, MI 48894  
(989)587-4201



**WEEKDAY ROSARY**  
 The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses. This week, we pray for students and teachers to have a successful year as they venture back into the classrooms.

**BAPTISMS**



**Andrew Michael Porter**, son of Michael & Erin (Pohl) Porter

We Welcome **Andrew** to our parish family!

**NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH**

Many are still wounded from the death of a child due to abortion. Join us for this special memorial of prayer on behalf of all children lost to abortion and for healing of all those involved. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Peter Ludwig in the mausoleum of St Joseph Cemetery, Lansing at 9:30am and a rosary procession will follow immediately from the grave of 17 aborted children buried in 2011 to the Rachel Memorial.

**THANK YOU!**

The family of Julius Schafer would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, gifts, food and thoughtful acts of kindness. Special thanks to Donna Goerge and the choir. In addition, special thanks to Hospice (Kristina and Jessica) for their excellent care. A mass will be in memory of Julius. In lieu of thank you notes, the family will make a donation to a local charity. May God bless all of you.

"Behold, I am with you always." -Matthew 28:20

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

**CATHOLIC MATCH MI**

**MHT PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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

August 20 & 21 Collection .....	\$ 9,405.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 3,325.00
Total Sunday Collection .....	\$ 12,730.00

**Special Collections**

ETF .....	\$ 10.00
Assumption .....	\$ 171.00
Newspapers .....	\$ 5.00
School Support Envelopes .....	\$ 50.00
Capitol Improvement .....	\$ 200.00

**PARISH NEWS/UPDATES**

Each week over the course of the next 4 weeks, you may notice that the doors to the Church have been removed. This is so they can be refinished and restored to their original beauty. Our goal is to have all doors in place by the end of each week so they are there for the Sunday Masses for all to enjoy. Please be sure to thank Gerry Davis for his help on this if you see him!

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

Bishop Mengeling  
 Fr. Dennis  
 Fr. Bill Luggger  
 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 29 - 8:15am****Mass at St. Mary's****Tuesday, August 30 - 8:15am**

**Sacristan** Jerry Klein  
**Reader** Rosie Feldpausch  
**Servers** Sacristan

**Wednesday, August 31 - 7:00pm**

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Luke Goerge  
**Servers** Nicholai & Roman Schafer,  
**1 Volunteer Needed**

**Thursday, September 1 - 8:15am (MHT School Mass)**

**Sacristan** Helen & Julia Schafer  
**Reader** MHT Students  
**Servers** MHT Students

**Sunday, September 4 - 8:30am**

**Sacristan** Volunteer Needed  
**Reader** Rob Becker  
**Servers** Josie & Aaron Simon, **1 Volunteer Needed**  
**ExMHC** Dale Feldpausch, Patty Koenigsknecht,  
 Ralph Feldpausch  
**Ushers** Adam & Laurie Platte, Dean Platte,  
 Jamey Myers

**Sunday, September 4 - 10:30am**

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Tricia Feldpausch  
**Servers** Olivia, Isaac & Eli Thelen  
**ExMHC** Tonya McCarty, McKenzie Koenigsknecht,  
 Jennifer Koenigsknecht  
**Ushers** Duane Pung, Kirk Phillips, Hilary Stump,  
 Dale Koenigsknecht

**Sunday, September 4 - 6:00pm**

**Sacristan** **Volunteer Needed**  
**Reader** **Volunteer Needed**  
**Servers** **3 Volunteers Needed**  
**ExMHC** Gerry Davis, Kyle Koenigsknecht,  
**1 Volunteer Needed**  
**Ushers** Lonnie Schueller, Mike Koenigsknecht,  
**2 Volunteers Needed**

**MASSES THIS WEEK****Monday - August 29 (St. Mary's)**

8:15am †Paul Harr & Living & Deceased Members  
 of the Family  
 †Erwin & Alice Pline, Including Dick &  
 Living & Deceased Members of the Family  
 5:30pm Confessions - St. Mary's

**Tuesday - August 30 (MHT)**

8:15am †Tom Noeker  
 †Robert Goerge, Including Ted Thelen &  
 Emily Goerge

**Wednesday - August 31 (MHT)**

5:45am Eucharistic Adoration - MHT  
 5:30pm Confessions - MHT  
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - MHT  
 7:00pm †Mark & Tootie Weber, Including David &  
 Dennis

**Thursday - September 1**

8:15am †Don Pohl (1yr Ann.)  
 (St Mary's)  
 8:15am †Clem & Pauling Armbrustmacher & Living  
 (MHT) & Deceased Members of the Family  
 9:30am Confessions - MHT

**Friday - September 2 (St Mary's)**

8:15am †Wayne Wirth  
 †Henry & Therese Fox, Including Harold

**Saturday - September 3 (St. Mary's)**

3:00pm Confessions - St. Mary's  
 4:30pm †Donald Pung (1yr Ann.)

**Sunday - September 4 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

8:00am People of the Parish  
 (St. Mary's)  
 8:30am †Eugene Thelen  
 (MHT)  
 10:00am †Dickie & Eunice Wirth & Living &  
 (St. Mary's) Deceased Members of the Family  
 10:30am †Ray & Janice Cook & Living & Deceased  
 (MHT) Members of the Family  
 6:00pm †Darrell Fahey  
 (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

“Let my steps stay on your tracks so that my feet will not stumble” -Psalm 17:5