

adult retreat

SEPTEMBER 28-30

7 PM FRIDAY - NOON SUNDAY

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From The Pastor's Desk

This week I have asked Andrea Schneider to share with us.
God Bless, Fr. Dennis



It's crazy for me to think that I'm entering into my 5th year of work here at the parish. This job has pushed me more outside my comfort zone than I ever would have imagined. It's been a huge learning experience for me as well. It's been extremely humbling, because there were times where I felt like how can I be leading adults when I still have so much to learn myself. At times I would feel unqualified for my position, that I didn't know all the knowledge or teaching ability needed to lead people.

I would ask myself, "why would God call me to ministry"? There are plenty of other people more qualified or fit for the position. God uses ordinary people all the time to do extraordinary things. But we don't expect God to use us. How easy do we believe the lie that we are too broken for God to love, or that God could never use me because I'm not good enough. But God doesn't need us to perfect. He desires our openness and our friendship. Jesus's closest friends and disciples were ordinary people: fishermen and tax collectors. His disciples weren't that different than you and I. They had doubts, they betrayed Jesus. They struggled with anger, being self absorbed, and judging others. They were flawed, they made mistakes, they were far from perfect. But God still used them. Jesus invited them to have a personal relationship with him. He brought them into his life. He taught them, formed them, and shared his ministry with them. They didn't just witness God's miracles, they got to partake in building up the kingdom of God. So why are his disciples any different then you and me?

Recently I had one of those "I'm not qualified or good enough moments". Just before our last healing service in June I was struggling with doubts and wondering "what do I have to offer? Can God really use me in a powerful way?" I was talking with my husband as we were driving to the healing service about my doubts. How I wasn't sure I was in the right place to lead people in prayer tonight, and maybe I should sit this one out. I knew I was buying into lies from the evil one, believing that I wasn't good enough. I didn't think that God could use me because I felt so broken, or not holy enough. As soon as we go there I grabbed a friend and asked for her to pray with me.

During this time of prayer I was able to take ground back from the devil. I was able to pray through those areas I was feeling so weak in and ask for the Holy Spirit to enter into those areas. I prayed for openness and that I could step aside and allow God in to use me how he felt fit. If God wants to use me tonight for someone's healing, great, if not great! I really just wanted to be a vessel and to be able to share God's love those who came.

I felt much better after praying with her, but I still felt I was lacking in boldness. Thankfully God does all the work - I just need to show up! So I focused on that. I tried to step out of the way and let the Lord do his thing. And he did. It was a beautiful night.

God didn't called the qualified, he qualifies the called. I had this all wrong. I remember how nervous I was to lead our first adult retreat. I was second

guessing myself and I kept thinking I needed to be more qualified to do my job. As I plan for our upcoming adult retreat in September, I'm amazed to see how the Lord has been working in my life. How I've slowly been able to recognize lies I was believing about myself and I've been able to grow through that process. God has been building me up over the last 5 years, but that has required me to step outside my comfort zone! And like at the healing service, when I step aside and open myself up to the Lord, I've been able to experience his love and share that with others. And through those experiences, I've been able to grown in confidence because it's less about what I have, and more about what I'm willing to give.

Each time we acknowledge our brokenness and bring it to God for healing we have a new opportunity to experience God's love and power. -Dynamic Catholic Daily Devotion

God Bless ~ **Andrea**

Even if the adult retreat seems outside your comfort zone, I want to encourage you to consider coming! There is still time to sign up. If you are not sure what to expect or have questions, contact me (adultfaithmht@gmail.com) or checkout our website!

48 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR THE ADULT RETREAT

PLEASE HELP US PRAY FOR EVERYONE ATTENDING THE
SEPTEMBER 28-30 ADULT RETREAT. SIGN UP FOR A PRAYER
SLOT BY FOLLOWING THE LINK IN THE DESCRIPTION.



Encounter with the Holy Spirit

On Sunday, October 21st we will be celebrating an evening of Encounter with the Holy Spirit beginning at 7:00 pm. in the Church.

What will the evening comprise? It will be an evening of prayer and worship, an opportunity to learn how the Spirit wants to take us deeper into God's divine life, and to be empowered with the gifts that the Spirit has given us at our baptism. Like any gift, we can leave it unopened and sometimes even undiscovered. No one will be asked to do anything beyond their comfort zone, but it will be an opportunity to open ourselves in a deeper way to the power of the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to come to our Evening of Encounter with the Holy Spirit and experience God's love, healing and truth. God bless, Fr. Dennis

**Special Thanks to the families of
Marian Halfman and Sarah Fox-Klein**



Recently the families of Marian Halfman and Sarah Fox-Klein made a very generous donation in her memory. From that gift we have been able to purchase a new green vestment for Sunday Masses, as well as a new tabor for holy hours (a tabor is a stand upon which the monstrance sits, elevating the monstrance during holy hours). I want to thank Stan and Julie Weber for this donation. It is through the generosity of donors that we can refurbish and purchase such things for the Church.

Saturday morning Mass

Some people have asked me about Saturday 8:15 am. Masses. I had canceled them for the summer and mentioned that I would pray about whether to continue them in the fall. I have decided not to continue doing Saturday morning Masses. The bishop has discouraged the practice because the priests are busy on the weekends especially when we have weddings or funerals besides the weekend duties. As well, the retired priests have let us know they will not fill in any longer for Saturday mornings. I have to say, personally that the weekends are getting busier and busier, which is good, but there is a need to discern priorities. During this fall alone on many weekends, we have weddings, retreats for engaged couples, adults, high school, MHT school, etc. a Holy Spirit empowerment night, all on weekends. And the reality is that we are facing increased demands on our priests and a priest shortage. Hopefully people will understand that we can't do everything we've done in the past. I am trying to discern where best to use our resources and energies. God bless, Fr. Dennis

Winter Holy Hour

The Monday and Wednesday Holy Hour will begin at 9am in the church during the winter months. Thank you.

Prayer of Reparation

O Lord Jesus Christ, moved by the desire to repair the outrages and offenses committed against you we place ourselves in your presence and pledge our love and fidelity.

The more your mysteries are blasphemed, the more firmly we shall believe them, O Jesus!

The more your holy laws are transgressed and ignored, the more we shall delight to observe them.

The more your Sacraments are despised and abandoned, the more frequently we shall receive them with love and reverence.

The more the imitation of your virtues is neglected and forgotten, the more we shall endeavor to practice them, O Jesus, model of every virtue!

The more the devil labors to destroy souls, the more we shall be inflamed with desire to save them, O Jesus, zealous lover of souls!

The more sin and impiety attempt to destroy the image of God in the human race, the more we shall try by purity of life to be a living temple of the Holy Spirit.

O Jesus, through your powerful grace, may we be your apostles in the midst of a corrupted world, and be your crown in the kingdom of heaven. Amen.

**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:

Mon., Sept. 17 No School for MHT Students
Tues., Sept. 18 Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Sat., Sept. 22 Diocesan Assembly
Tues., Sept. 25 Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thur., Sept. 27 Protecting God's Children 6:30 pm

NWEA Testing: Starting on Tuesday, September 18, students in grades 2 – 8 will be taking the MAP Growth tests in Reading, Math and Language Arts. Students in grades 5 – 8 will also be taking the Science test. Making sure your children eat healthy and get plenty of rest is the best way you can support their efforts.

Protecting God's Children Session: All adults who volunteer to work with or around students at MHT School must go through a Protecting God's Children Session. This includes parents who work recess, drive for field trips and volunteer in the classroom. A live session will be offered on Thursday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the school computer lab. You may register by going to www.virtus.org or contacting the school office.

The Assembly: Most of you may not realize this but the Lansing Diocese is leading the way across the state and even the nation when it comes to Evangelization. Bishop Boyea has made this a priority and focus for his staff. The upcoming Diocesan Assembly on Saturday, September 22, is a once in a lifetime opportunity. There is really no other event I can think of that can compare to it. The bishop is so eager for all of us to attend that he has even given us a day off school (Monday, September 17) to incentivize all of us to go. I encourage you to really give some thought to finding a way for you and your family to be at all or part of the day's festivities. Whether you process in the Eucharistic Procession, spend time in Adoration, visit vendors, attend Mass or listen to the speakers, I am confident that you will not go away empty handed in strengthening your faith. Don't wish you would have gone – go! This may never happen again.

Forgiveness: *It can be the death of our faith if we forget that [forgiveness] is literally a miracle. –Helmut Thielicke*



Spanish Mass

Our regional Spanish Ministry is going through some changes. Fr. Rojillio, a Mexican priest on loan to the Diocese who had been celebrating the Spanish Masses, has returned to Mexico. Also, the location of our regional Sunday liturgy in Spanish is changing. Mass will be here at Most Holy Trinity, Sunday at 6:00 pm. Fr. Tim Nelson, Fr. Vince Richardson, Fr. Mike Kukor and Fr. Fred Thelen will be presiding at the Masses. We hope in the future to expand our ministry with greater evangelization, filling the sacramental needs of the Hispanic community, and other Hispanic cultural events. If you have an interest in helping, please contact Fr. Dennis.

Made for Happiness Diocesan Assembly

Diocesan Assembly is THIS coming Saturday, September 22nd
Eucharistic Procession, Inspiring speakers,
All Diocesan Mass

Join thousands of Catholics from across our Diocese at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing and the Breslin Center as we gather in prayer, witness, and worship to celebrate the reason God made us: for happiness with Him in this life and the next! **Admission is FREE!**



Prayer for Diocesan Assembly

Heavenly Father, you alone are the source of hope for all humanity. Send your Holy Spirit to help each of us answer the call of the New Evangelization to deepen our faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ. Bless us as we gather for the

Diocesan Assembly on September 22 to deepen our commitment to Christ's call to announce the Gospel of the Lord. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. St. John Paul the Great, pray for us. Amen.

For those who cannot attend, please tune in to share in this historic event!

Ave Maria Radio LIVE Broadcast Diocesan Assembly



Tune in Saturday Sept 22nd 12 noon - 4 p.m.

*On the radio: **AM990-WDEO** **AM1440-WMAX**

*On the web: **AveMariaRadio.net**

*Download the **FREE AveMariaRadio APP**

*Listen on your phone: **Call 712.432.7800**



"alexa, play WDEO" — It's that easy!



EMTs & Nurses Needed:

Are you going to the Diocesan Assembly on Sept 22? Are you an EMT or Nurse? Are you willing to staff a golf cart that will be stocked with first aid supplies? Are you willing to be present on a bus for those who may need assistance?



If so, please contact Deacon Ken Preiss, 517-342-2451 or e-mail to: kpreiss@dioceseoflansing.org



Calling all Quilters

Quilters are needed to complete a quilt for the 2019 parish festival. Monday, September 24 through Friday the 28th at 10am in the Msgr Esper Room. Any help is appreciated! For more information, call Loraine Schmitt at 593-2136

The ROARING 20's
Saturday, November 3, 2018
MHT School Dinner Raffle Fundraiser

Tickets on sale Saturday, October 6th 9:30 am - noon at Becker Furniture.

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 Sept. 27 - Oct. 7. 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!

Sparrow Community Health Fair
Saturday, Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m. - noon
AgroLiquid, St. Johns

FREE Services! Open to all Clinton County Residents: Flu Shots & Health Services, Vision & Hearing Screenings, Safe Kids Car Seat Fitting Station, Medication Drop-off Station, Lifestyle & Education Booths, AGRO IQ Hub, Massage Therapy, Fresh Food Fairy & her Smoothie Cycle, Love On A Leash Therapy Dogs on site, and much more!

For more info call SCH Community Relations at 227.3334

Christian Mothers Meeting

There will be a Christian Mothers meeting on Wednesday, September 26th immediately following the 7 p.m. Mass in the Father Ray Youth Center. All members, and those desiring to be members, are welcome to attend.

Sponsor of the Week

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

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Wedding Banns



First Publication

Malerie Simon, daughter of Dale & Jodi Simon

Nathan Russell, son of Kevin & Teresa Russell, and Kim & Joe Audia



Cruz Victor Loynes, son of Victor and Jenna (Halfman) Loynes.

We welcome Cruz 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, Jennifer Grace Schrauben, Janet Simon, Dale Young, Brent Baese, Shane Grinnell, Richard Bushamp, Alan & Therese Kramer, Christopher Martin, Mike Heeg, Bev Nurenberg, Duane Mussell, Terry Hodges, Jeff Wadell, Chuck Welch, Jeanne Alaga, 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**

September 8 & 9 Collection \$11,981.16

Special Collections

Capital Improvement..... \$735.00

Newspapers \$135.00

Faith Appeal..... \$25.00

ETF..... \$30.00

Monthly Finance Report for August

Sunday Collection-All Sources.....\$48,371.23

Sunday Collection-Year to Date.....\$109,284.73

Sunday Collections-FY 17 Budget.....\$675,000.00

Percentage Collected Through August..... 16.19%

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018

Monday 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10-17; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 & 22; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15



MASSES FOR THE WEEK



Monday - September 17

7:00 p.m. + Bill & Glenda Braun including Billy

Tuesday - September 18

8:15 a.m. + Jean Schafer

Wednesday - September 19

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. + Mildred Harmon including Kenneth

Thursday - September 20

8:15 a.m. NO MASS

Friday - September 21

8:15 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday - September 22

4:30 p.m.. NO MASS - Diocesan Assembly

Sunday - September 23

8:30 a.m.. Living & Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

10:30 a.m. + Maynard Wirth & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Ushers

Saturday & Sunday, September 22 & 23

4:30 p.m. - NO MASS

8:30 a.m. - Jerome Spitzley, John Hufnagel, Kurt Thelen, Volunteer

10:30 a.m. - David Klein, Brent McCarty, Roy Witgen, Neil Feldpausch

Altar Servers

During This Week

Mon., 7 p.m. -Gavin Klein, Braxton Myers

Tues., 8:15 a.m.- MHT school volunteer

Weds., 7 p.m. - Sam, Anna, & Jack Vanneste

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

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

Saturday & Sunday, September 22 & 23

4:30 p.m. - NO MASS

8:30 a.m. - Ben & Jack Schafer, Drew Armbrustmacher, Brycen Halfman

10:30 a.m. - Preston & Camden Braun, Josie & Cooper Koenigsnecht

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass. The intention for this week is for all who travel for work. May God protect them and give them the graces they need to share His love with those they encounter.



September 16, 2018

Pastor - Fr. Dennis Howard

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