

MOST HOLY TRINITY

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY HIS
OWN *cross* AND COME AFTER ME
CANNOT BE *my disciple*."

LK 14:27



UPCOMING TOWN HALL MEETING

By Father Eric

As a priest of 21 years, I have gotten some things right and some things wrong - all priests and all human beings are the same in this regard. This is one of the reasons why we strive to avoid being judgmental, and to forgive.

When I think of the gifts that Father Dennis brought to Most Holy Trinity, I begin by recalling his mind and heart for evangelization. It seems to me that he put into motion a number of great opportunities for growing in one's faith and being better equipped to share that faith. I am a HUGE believer that Catholic education is a priceless life-changing gift. By adding the lower grades, MHT School is made more vibrant and comprehensive. When I attended Masses at MHT, I was often struck by the very high quality of his preaching. There were many times over the past decade and a half when individuals needed the services of a priest and found Father Dennis to be a great source of grace in their time of need. You will discover that there are a number of things that the previous Pastor did better than the current Pastor does.

I thank Adam Halfman, Paul Fahey, Corey Luna, Kayla Nelson and Andrea Schneider for their years of service to the parishioners of MHT. As the Pastor next door, I have always had high admiration for them. Over the years I have looked with much esteem at the number of initiatives that they led and at the comradery and teamwork that they enjoyed. As a Pastor, I can assure you that parish programming and initiatives don't work unless the staff is on board and working to make them a success. I have no doubt that many of the successes at MHT in recent years (and there were many of them) were the result of their visioning and hard work. For my part, I hope that they continue to use their talents and experience to enrich the various ministries that Most Holy Trinity offers.

I am very conscious that this is a time of healing for MHT. Everyone sees the events of the past year through his or her own lens and everyone was affected by the events in different ways. I am also aware that moving forward, I and my team are building upon the considerable successes and efforts of those who have worked before us. I believe that one aspect of moving forward in a healthy way will be for us to be intentional about communicating well with you, the parishioners.

In an attempt to do this, Jordan Spitzley and I will host a town hall meeting on September 27th at 6:30pm in the School Basement to discuss where we have been as a parish, the parish's future, the relationship between Most Holy Trinity and St. Mary's, parish structures, and healthy patterns of transparency and communication. We hope to address your questions or concerns and to give you an opportunity to share what is on your heart. Some topics may arise about which people are very passionate. We only ask that everything that is said be said in charity. We thank you so much for your very warm welcome thus far. On September 27th in a particular way, we hope to share our vision for MHT and to better understand you and your dreams for our beloved parish community.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

We hope you have a
blessed & safe Labor Day!

PLEASE NOTE: MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

The parish office is in need of more money counters on the 3rd and 4th Mondays of each month. If you are interested, have questions, or would like to get on the schedule please contact the parish office. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — Aaron Epkey, DRE
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K-12 Religious Education – Register Now

Have you registered your children? If not, online registration and printable forms are available on the home page of the parish website mhtparish.com. Registration packets are also available at all the entrances of the church. **All grades will begin the week of September 26th.**

To stay up-to-date with K-12 Religious Education, we invite you to sign-up for Flocknote. Please join by texting:

K-8 Grade Parents

Text: RELEDPARENT To: 84576

High School Parents

Text: HSYOUTHSPARENT To: 84576

K-8th Religious Education Schedule **Beginning September 26th**

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	

Serving Opportunities for Religious Education

We are in need of catechists for Kindergarten, 6th, and 8th grade. Students meet once a week for about one hour. Change the World -Impact our Children. Contact Aaron Epkey at 989-593-2162 or dre@mhtparish.com.

First Reconciliation/First Communion

Sacramental information was sent out this past week to parents who have a child planning to receive First Reconciliation/Communion. If you did not receive this information, please contact Krysta K-13 at:

mhtsacramentprep@gmail.com

Confirmation

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for grades 9th & 10th will take place this spring on Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 pm with the bishop. Additional plans are being finalized. Once completed, details about this year's confirmation process will be communicated.

MHT ADULT CHOIR

The adult choir is going to start singing on September 11th at the 8:30am Mass. New members are welcome.

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.

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

We are looking for group leaders to work with our high school youth on Monday evenings from 7:15pm - 8:30pm. The primary responsibility of a group leader is to lead a small group in a discussion about the evening presentation and how it impacts their lives. Materials to lead the small group are provided each week. Help us in giving teens the opportunity to foster and deepen a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to be equipped to live passionately as His disciple. If you are willing to help, please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/u3sGGm2jRDeMjgpN8>.



For more information, please do not hesitate contact me. Thank you in advance for your support.

-Chris Groves, Youth Ministry

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:

Monday, September 5	No School/Labor Day
Tuesday, September 6	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday, September 13	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

Great Start: It was so great to see all of the smiling faces this week. Many of the middle school classes are off and running already. Familiar faces are helping the new ones get used to all of the school and classroom procedures. The staff and I are excited for all of the wonderful opportunities this year will surely bring.

No School Monday: Don't forget there is no school Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day holiday. Students start back on Tuesday, September 6, which is a Mass day.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do and he will show you which path to take." – Proverbs 3: 5-6

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 18th starting after the 6:00pm Mass or at 7:00 pm, whichever is later, and will end at 8:00 pm. 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.

FOWLER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Congratulations to our \$500 (& final)
Support the Faith Raffle Drawing Winners:

Tricia & Kyle Thelen

INSIGHTS IN THE WORD

Hebrews 4:12 tells us the Word is living & active. This means the Word of God isn't just a book. It's alive. It's powerful. And it has the ability to speak to our spirit as we are reading it. In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was with God, & the Word was God, & the Word became flesh. [John 1:1] This means Jesus and the Word are One in the same.

So, as we spend time IN the Word, we are actually spending time WITH Jesus. When we spend time IN the Word, we are gaining intimacy with our Lord & Savior. And that's why it's so important we all read the Scriptures for ourselves. Jesus wants to meet us IN His Word! The Word is our daily manna!

WEEKDAY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses. This week, we pray for continued healing within our parish family. Help us to forgive each other, as we have been forgiven.



HOLY HOUR IN PEWAMO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 6PM

A Holy Hour of Prayer, Reflection, and Gratitude

Please join the Protect Life team from Pewamo as they lead a Holy Hour of prayer, reflection, and gratitude in support of life at every level on Sunday evening, September 11th beginning at 6:00 pm sharp in St. Joseph church, Pewamo MI.

We will begin with a powerful commemoration of the 50 years of the Roe era. A person born in each year from 1973 through 2022 will process up the center aisle to remember the lives lost in abortion facilities. The last couple will be expecting a child in the coming months as a symbol of post Roe v Wade America. Following the procession we will have our monthly rosary, some praise and worship and time to reflect on the work still needed to protect the most innocent among us.

If you were born during that time and would like to participate in the procession, click on the sign up link or text Jill Thelen at 989-640-1025. <https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.manageSignUp#/36711454/design/>

We look forward to seeing you on September 11th in St. Joseph church at 6:00 pm.

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.

**“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.”
Revelation 1:3**

- Please Pray For Our Friends and Relatives -

Bishop Mengeling
Fr. Dennis
Fr. Bill Luggner
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.

BAPTISMS



Iker Josue Camacho Cabrera, son of Eladio Camacho & Norma Angelica

Myla Mae Feldpausch, daughter of Trent & Chelsea (Miller) Feldpausch

Samuel Paul Horak, son of Thomas & Marlena (Klein) Horak

We Welcome **Iker, Myla & Samuel**
to our parish family!

MHT PARISH STEWARDSHIP

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

August 27 & 28 Collection	\$ 10,046.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 3,600.83
Total Sunday Collection	\$ 13,646.83

Special Collections

ETF	\$ 430.00
Assumption	\$ 105.00
Newspapers	\$ 45.00
School Support Envelopes	\$ 55.00

- Sponsor of the Week -

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

MATTHEW'S ELEVATOR

MHT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, September 5 - 8:15pm
MASS AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday, September 6 - 8:15am (MHT School Mass)

Sacristan Helen & Julia Schafer
Reader MHT Students
Servers MHT Students

Wednesday, September 7 - 7:00pm

Sacristan Luke Goerge
Reader Luke Goerge
Servers Faith & Chevy Phillips, Camden Conner

Sunday, September 11 - 8:30am

Sacristan Gerry Davis
Reader Lyle Simon
Servers Ella Hufnagel, 2 from Brenda & Aaron Epkey Family
ExMHC Neil Hufnagel, Tom O'Rourke, Ron Feldpausch
Ushers Kevin, Robin, Ryan & Tim Koenigs knecht

Sunday, September 11 - 10:30am

Sacristan Luke Goerge
Reader Jason Smith
Servers Tristan, Quentin & Kaedyn Smith
ExMHC Jason Smith, Kristin Phillips, Tonya McCarty
Ushers John Rademacher, Dan Pung, Duane Pung, Kirk Phillips

Sunday, September 11 - 6:00pm

Sacristan Paul Horak
Reader Dale Feldpausch
Servers Logan & Andrew Platte,
1 Volunteer Needed
ExMHC Gerry Davis, Sharon Fink,
1 Volunteer Needed
Ushers Lonnie Schueller, Mike Koenigs knecht, Chris Conner, **1 Volunteer Needed**

**“For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”
Proverbs 2:6**

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday - September 5 (St. Mary's)

8:15pm †John & Leona Theis, William Platte & Donald Theis
5:30pm **NO Confessions** - St. Mary's

Tuesday - September 6 (MHT School Mass)

8:15am †Stanley Wieber & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
†Louis Schneider & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Wednesday - September 7 (MHT)

5:45am Eucharistic Adoration - MHT
5:30pm Confessions - MHT
6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration - MHT
7:00pm †Fred Martin, Including Alfred & Eleanor Thelen & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
†Ferdinand & Anna Knoop

Thursday - September 8 (St Mary's)

8:15am †Rosella & Joan Bohr & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
9:30am Confessions - MHT

Friday - September 9 (St Mary's)

8:15am †Donald & Jeanette Weber & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Saturday - September 10 (St. Mary's)

3:00pm Confessions - St. Mary's
4:30pm †Jan Thelen & Living & Deceased Members of the Family

Sunday - September 11 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00am People of the Parish
(St. Mary's)
8:30am A Special Intention
(MHT)
10:00am Dan & Lynette Witgen & Kevin & Lori Fox on their 40th Wedding Anniversary
(St. Mary's)
10:30am †Charles & Mary Smith, Including John & Living & Deceased Members of the Family
(MHT)
6:00pm Larry & Diane Kohagen on their 60th Wedding Anniversary
(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