

7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

# The School of

LOVE

Family Ministry Event



## March 23

Starts with 10:30am Mass

Lunch in the Activity Center

Talks for the whole family

Ends with Adoration

Families that pray together  
stay together

## Mass Schedule

### Tuesday, February 25

8:15 AM † For a Special Intention

### Wednesday, February 26

6:00 PM † Zoah Bengel

### Thursday, February 27

8:15 AM † Linda Torres & A Special Intention

### Friday, February 28

8:15 AM † Robert & Bernadine Martin, including living and deceased family members

### Saturday, March 1

4:30PM † Hayden Johnson

### Sunday, March 2

8:30 AM † Chris Martin, including living and deceased family members

### Sunday, March 2

10:30 AM People of the Parish

MAKE  
TIME FOR  
*God*  
THIS LENT

We are going to continue our focus on prayer, as we look for simple ways to sit with the Lord this Lent. We are excited to announce that we will be offering weekly prayer challenges along with a prayer meditation to help you focus on loving God this Lent!

If you would like to receive a weekly email or txt just **Text: TIME4GOD To: 84576**

If you followed along with our Pray and Prepare program you will already be enrolled to receive these messages.

## The School of Love—from Andrea Schneider

When I first started at the parish, we had a thriving youth ministry program but not much was offered for the adults at the parish. There was so much support financially and spiritually to help our youth attend events to grow in their faith and encounter our living God. I remember hearing adults say “man I wish we could have a Steubenville experience.” This, accompanied by prayer, is what helped jumpstart our adult retreats here at the parish. We wanted to provide an opportunity for the adults in our parish to have an encounter experience while on a weekend retreat, much like what our youth was experiencing!

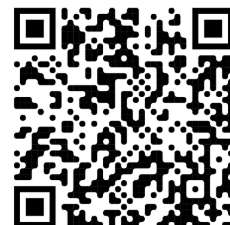
I have had the great pleasure to help lead encounter opportunities for both the youth of our parish and our adults. Whether it be on retreats, in adoration, or at a Holy Spirit encounter. What a blessing it is to witness someone falling in love with our Lord. To see a child’s face light up while in the presence of our Lord in adoration. Or to see the transformation someone goes through while on retreat. Hearts are being touched, they are being transformed by our Lord, and it’s amazing! My heart longed for a way for families to be able to share in this experience together.

Saint John Paul II is quoted in saying “The family is a school of love.” If the family unit is where we first experience love, then we need to be doing more to nurture the family unit. We want to strengthen families. Mother Teresa said it perfectly, “if you want to bring happiness to the world, go home and love your family.” This is just one of the many reasons why here at Most Holy Trinity, we feel called to focus on the family.

The inspiration for a family retreat, an event to bring parents and kids together continued to persist. After much prayer, and guidance from the Holy Spirit, we came up with the “School of Love” - a ministry event for the family. This day retreat will start with Mass at 10:30 on Sunday, March 23. Directly following Mass, lunch will be provided in the Activity Center. From there we will have talks, activities, and sessions on prayer. In the book *Time for God*, Fr. Jacques Philippe says, “*progress in prayer is essential progress in love.*” If we are to be a school of prayer, then we need to be praying individually, and as a family. We will end our day in adoration, where the family will come together to love, adoration and pray together as a family.

Registration for this event can be done online using this QR code or on our website (we ask that families register so we know how much food to order for lunch).

See you on March 23rd!



# Most Holy Trinity School

## Connecting Faith to Life

*Most Holy Trinity School, in partnership with the Church and our families, will provide a Catholic education to help our students become saints as they grow in wisdom, virtue, and faith.*

### Important Dates:

Tuesday, February 25	Study Session @ 3:00
Thursday, February 27	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, February 27	Study Session @ 3:00
Monday, March 3	March is Reading Month Kick Off
Tuesday, March 4	Study Session @ 3:00
Wednesday, March 5	Mass @ 8:15 a.m. (Ash Wednesday)
Thursday, March 6	Study Session @ 3:00

### MHT School Registration:

Registration for the 2025/26 school year is officially open. Students already attending MHT School are automatically enrolled for next year, but if you are a new family or have additional children attending next year, please use the QR code or visit the school website to register. If you are looking for more information, please contact the school office or schedule a visit.



**Attention MHT Parents:** We are seeking some volunteers to help out with decorations and snacks for March is Reading Month. Please check your emails for a link to sign up. Thank you!

*Fight the good fight for the true faith.. ~ 1 Timothy 6:12*

Principal, Anne Hufnagel



**MARCH 5**

*Ash Wednesday*

**MASS TIMES: 8:15AM & 6:00PM**

*Day of Fasting & Abstinence*

## Ministry Schedule

### Tuesday, February 25— 8:15 AM

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

### Wednesday, February 26—6:00 PM

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Luke Goerge  
**Servers** Camden Conner, Chevy & Hope Phillips

### Thursday, February 27—8:15 AM

**Sacristan** Dean Schrauben  
**Reader** MHT Students

### Friday, February 28— 8:15 AM

**Sacristan** Gary J Weber  
**Reader** Sandy Pillard

### Saturday, March 1— 4:30 PM

**Sacristan** Craig Arens  
**Reader** Carol Piggott  
**Servers** Waylon, Landon, & Liam Simon, **1 volunteer**  
**ExMHC** Sharon Fink, Jean Koenigs knecht, **1 volunteer**  
**Ushers** Joe Bodarko, John Hufnagel, Lonnie Schueller, **1 volunteer**

### Sunday, March 2— 8:30 AM

**Sacristan** Paul Horak  
**Reader** Rob Becker  
**Servers** Donovan Wieber, Nicholas Smith, Nolan Simon, Staci Epkey  
**ExMHC** Ralph Feldpausch, Ronn & Beth Thelen  
**Ushers** Bill Armbrustmacher, Bruce Schafer, Dean Schrauben, **1 volunteer**

### Sunday, March 2— 10:30 AM

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Kristin Phillips  
**Servers** Dominic, Michaela, & Matthias Spitzley, Violet Becker  
**ExMHC** Ron & McKenzie Feldpausch, Tricia Goerge  
**Ushers** Kent Dell, Keith Weber, Hilary Stump, Gene Messer

## Weekly Schedule

### Monday, February 24

8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion

### Tuesday, February 25

After 8:15 7 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Mass  
Blessed Mother in the Church

### Wednesday, February 26

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion  
5:00pm Confessions  
5:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations

### Friday, February 28

6:30am Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00am High School Bible Study  
8:45am Confessions

### Saturday, March 1

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
3:00pm Confessions

## Position Opening

### Principal Opening - Most Holy Trinity School

Most Holy Trinity School seeks a school principal, to begin in the summer of 2025. The principal, being a practicing Catholic, shares a zeal for learning and a passion for the Gospel, while embodying the school's mission of helping our students to become Saints. As a loving disciple of Jesus Christ, the principal will help lead the school in living out our Catholic faith through prayer, education, virtue, and service. The principal will foster a culture of vibrant Catholic education, by supporting our faculty and staff to inspire our students' love of learning and development of God-given talents. The principal will develop relationships of sincere care and trust with faculty, staff, parents, students, parishioners, and community members. The principal will exhibit administrative excellence, ensuring that school finances and records are maintained in good order, parish and diocesan initiatives are implemented, State requirements are met, and timely communications are maintained.

*Interested candidates are asked to please submit an online application at the position posting ([www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers)) and attach a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation. For more information, please contact Fr. John.*



## Fish Dinners

Friday, March 7th  
Friday, March 21st

4:00 - 6:30 P.M.

Most Holy Trinity Activity Center Fowler

### MENU

Baked and Fried Fish  
Baked and Scalloped Potatoes  
Macaroni and Cheese, Coleslaw, Corn and Dinner Rolls  
Dessert and Beverages

PRICES: ADULTS (11 & OVER) \$16.00  
CHILDREN (6-10) \$5.00  
CHILDREN (5 & UNDER) FREE  
TAKE OUT (DRIVETHRU ONLY) \$16.00

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus and Christian Mothers



If you are willing to help at one or both of the fish fries, please do so by scanning the QR Code.



This week we are focusing on what families with pre-teen/teenagers can expect from this event! Topics will include:

- How to encourage your children to take ownership of their prayer life
- How to keep the conversation going, encourage your children to share about their faith life
- Ideas for family prayers/devotions that are age appropriate
- Expectations in prayer and how to create family culture of prayer

# K-12 Faith Formation

**Tie Blanket Service Project:** We sincerely appreciate the generous donation of fleece kits for our tie blanket project. The youth group had a wonderful time creating the blankets. Due to your kindness and support, they were able to provide forty blankets to the Sparrow Foundation. Thank you all for being a part of this effort and for making a positive impact!

**First Communion Retreat** is scheduled this Sunday, February 23 from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Activity Center. The retreat is for all children who are preparing to receive First Communion. It is expected that at least one parent attends.

**High School Faith Formation** will be held this Monday, February 24.

**High School Bible Study** will be held this Friday, February 28.

Aaron Epkey



## Please Pray

### *For Our Friends and Relatives*

Michael Bozung  
Bethany Fedewa  
Bob Halfmann  
Mike Heeg  
Therese Heeg  
Elaine Kramer  
Arlene McCausey  
Gabrielle (Olney) Meece  
Stan Pohl  
Julie Wieber Schafer  
Hilary Schmitt  
Denny Smith  
Dennis Spitzley  
Janice Spitzley  
Janet Thelen  
Davison Curtin  
Marie Thelen  
Hunter Walter  
Elaine Weber

### *Recently Deceased*

Dan Pung

### *Armed Services*

Let us also keep in our prayers all those from the Parish Community who are in the Armed Services.

### *Weekday Rosary*

The Rosary is prayed before the 8:15am weekday Masses. This week, we pray for those battling addiction & mental health struggles.

Please contact the office to add or remove a name from the list. Thank you.



## Diaconal Bans

### *First Publication*

Luke Joseph Goerge is being considered for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Lansing on May 17, 2025. If anyone is aware of a reason that he should not be ordained please contact Deacon Randy Desrochers, Director of Diaconal Formation for the Diocese of Lansing, 228 North Walnut Street Lansing, MI 48933-1122. (517) 342-2571, or [rdesrochers@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:rdesrochers@dioceseoflansing.org).

# DSA 2025

As mentioned in last week’s bulletin, the Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend will be next weekend March 1 -2. Envelopes will be placed at the ends of the pews for your convenience. Our parish goal remains the same as last year’s, staying at **\$76,624**.

The DSA is used to sustain the ongoing, day-to-day work of the Church in our Diocese as well as to support the variety of ministries our Diocese offers to its parishes and their parishioners. DSA also support seminarians throughout the Diocese as they prepare for the priesthood and answer the Lords call to serve our parishes.

For more information about DSA or to donate online, please go to our parish website, find the “Online Giving” tab and click “DSA 2025.”



“YOU ARE MY CHOSEN Witnesses”  
*Isiah 43:10*

INTERCESSORY Adoration

To Jesus, With Jesus, In Jesus



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SCAN ME

March 5th  
6 AM - 6 PM

## MHT SCRIP

The next Scrip order is coming up, please have orders submitted to the **parish office by noon on March 7**.

# Our Parish Stewardship

*God’s Treasure at Most Holy Trinity*

**Feb. 16 Collection** ..\$10,919.00  
 Children’s Collection.....\$8.00  
 Online Giving.. .....\$3,420.61  
 Total Collection.....\$14,347.61

### Special Collections

ETF ..... \$255.00  
 First Offering..... \$10.00

Wkly Amt. Needed ..\$15,865.38

Cumulative Difference for the fiscal year: .....\$41,198.34

## Opportunities to grow this

# LENT

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 6:30pm in the Church

### FISH DINNERS

March 7: 4:00-6:30pm in the Activity Center  
 March 21: 4:00-6:30pm in the Activity Center

### SCHOOL OF LOVE

March 23: 10:30 Mass - Ends by 4:30pm

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

April 7 at 6:30pm in the Church

# Sponsor of the Week:

## **Koenigsknecht Dentistry**

To see their full advertisement, see the back page of the bulletin. An remember to patronize all of our sponsors, as they make the bulletin possible.



## Pray For Vocations



**James Bonar**  
*Christ the King, Ann Arbor*



**Sr. Alina Marie Nieser**  
*Visitors of the Mary Immaculate*

“Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests, and women to become Brides of Christ and serve Your people. Lord, we pray for Your Grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests; and we pray that Your Love be enough for the women in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.”



## Rest in Peace

**Sister Helen Marie Werner** died on January 10, 2025 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, Maryknoll, NY. She was 105 years old and a Maryknoll Sister for 87 years. Sister Helen was born in Fowler on January 6, 1920 to Lena (Motz) and Joseph Werner. She was predeceased by 2 brothers and 5 sisters (including Maryknoll Sister Dorothy/Celine Marie). She entered the Maryknoll Sisters on June 7, 1938, received a bachelor’s degree in education, and pronounced her Final Vows on January 6, 1944.

In 1944, Sr. Helen was assigned to Balboa, Panama, where she taught children of Jamaican immigrants for ten years. On August 15, 1954, she entered the Maryknoll Cloister. In 1986, she helped the Maryknoll Sisters open a Contemplative Community in Lemoa, Guatemala. After language school, Sr. Helen spent 35 years in this community praying for and serving the poor. At age 100, Sr. Helen returned to the Maryknoll Sisters Center in New York, where she participated in prayer and many activities. A Memorial Mass for Sr. Helen was held on Jan. 24, 2025.

## Palm Branches

WE WILL BE COLLECTING THEM IN BASKETS  
AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH IF  
YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISPOSE OF THEM

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