

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The School of LOVE



Family Ministry Event



Schedule

10:30am - Mass

11:30am - Lunch

1:00pm - Welcome

1:45pm - Talk

2:45pm - Talk

3:45pm - Adoration

Retreat for the whole family

From the Pastor's Desk

DSA 2025

This weekend is our **Diocesan Services Appeal** commitment weekend. 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, such as seminarian education, Catholic Charities, campus ministry, care for senior clergy, Catholic schools, Hispanic ministry, hospital ministry, prison ministry, young adult ministry, and so much more. Our parish goal this year is **\$76,624**, so please be generous to this worthy appeal. And as always, thank you for your generosity!

Lent 2025

It's hard to believe that Lent begins this week! **Ash Wednesday Masses** will be said at **8:15am** (with the school children) and **6:00pm**. As a reminder, Ash Wednesday is a penitential **day of fasting and abstinence from meat**. As an added bonus this year, Ash Wednesday falls on the 1st Wednesday of the month, so we will also have **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6am-6pm** (with a break for the morning Mass). As always, we have specific petitions for the parish that we ask you to include in your prayers (found on page 6 of this bulletin and at all the church entrances).

While it is a praiseworthy custom to "give up" something for Lent, our parish Lenten "program" this year will continue our Advent focus on deeper prayer. That is, rather than focusing on what we can "do for God" this year, we'd like to focus more on allowing God "to do something in us" through prayer. Each week, we will offer a brief meditation on prayer, and then a "prayer challenge" for the week, using "Time for God" (the book we gave out for Christmas) as a guide. If you haven't read this book yet, I'd encourage you to make "time" for reading it this Lent! Our first prayer consideration and challenge is found below.

Finally, don't forget to sign up for the **Family Ministry Event on March 23**. May you all have a blessed Lent! -Fr John



If you would like to receive a weekly email or txt

Text: TIME4GOD To: 84576

What is Mental Prayer? *"Prayer that consists of facing God in solitude and silence for a time in order to enter into intimate, loving communion with Him."*

Prayer consideration: Does my prayer life look like how Fr. Jacques describes mental prayer? Do I have a hard time sitting and just being with the Lord?

Prayer challenge: *The life of prayer is not a technique to be mastered but a grace to be received, a gift from God. (pg8)* God's love is pure gift, so spend 5 minutes in prayer each day this week focusing on God and just being in His loving presence.

Quote: "Be content to stay before God in a simple, loving, peaceful attentiveness." Fr. J. Phillipe

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:

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
Tuesday, March 11	Study Session @ 3:00
Thursday, March 13	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

Thank You: A big thanks to all of the parent committee chairs for organizing March is Reading Month snacks and decorations. And also thank you to the many parents who donated supplies and treats.

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.



Help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with you.. ~ St. Brendan

Principal, Anne Hufnagel

Formed—Back to Basics

Sometimes, it feels like Lent is just about giving up chocolate. But deep down, we all desire to do something more for Lent—we just don't know how to do it.

Lent is not a spiritual performance, but the question we should be asking is *how can I love God better this Lent?*

Watch **How to Lent** on Formed!



Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, March 4— 8:15 AM

Sacristan Jerry Klein
Reader Rosie Feldpausch

Wednesday, March 5—8:15 AM

Sacristan Gerry Davis
Reader MHT Students

Wednesday, March 5—6:00 PM

Sacristan Luke Goerge
Reader Luke Goerge
Servers Andrew, Anthony, & Jonathan Epkey
ExMHC Angela Reed, Tricia Goerge, Susie Koenigsknecht

Thursday, March 6—8:15 AM

Sacristan Dean Schrauben
Reader Deanna Pung

Friday, March 7— 8:15 AM

Sacristan Dean Schrauben
Reader Deanna Pung

Saturday, March 8— 4:30 PM

Sacristan Craig Arens
Reader Krysta Koenigsknecht
Servers Andrew & Logan Platte, Ronnie Davis, Ronald Hufnagel
ExMHC Patty, Jean & Kyle Koenigsknecht
Ushers Joe Bodarko, John Hufnagel, Lonnie Schueller, **1 volunteer**

Sunday, March 9— 8:30 AM

Sacristan Gerry Davis
Reader Vern Thelen
Servers Ella Hufnagel, Kelcie, Drew, & Kerigan Pung
ExMHC Anne Hufnagel, Rosie Feldpausch, Bonnie Thelen
Ushers John Pung, Neil Hufnagel, Neil Feldpausch, Randy Wirth

Sunday, March 9— 10:30 AM

Sacristan Luke Goerge
Reader James Bozung
Servers Paige, Autumn, Carter & Sawyer Thelen
ExMHC Jennifer Koenigsknecht, Nickie Thelen, Cynthia Wolker-Pung
Ushers Dennis Feldpausch, Duane Pung, Leon Schneider, Stan Weber

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, March 4

8:15 AM † Urban & Marie Weber,
including living and
deceased family members

Ash Wednesday, March 5

8:15 AM † Hilary & Marcia Schmitz,
including living and
deceased family members

6:00 PM † Paul & Helen Fox,
including living and
deceased family members

Thursday, March 6

8:15 AM † Loretta & Arthur
Rademacher, including
living and deceased family
members

Friday, March 7

8:15 AM † Doris Wieber

Saturday, March 8

4:30PM † Joseph L. Simon, 10 year
anniversary

Sunday, March 9

8:30 AM † Marvin Feldpausch,
including Dennis Pohl and
the deceased members of
the Feldpausch & Schmitt
families

10:30 AM People of the Parish

Fireman's Breakfast

March 16th from 8:00-12:00pm

MHT Activity Center

Menu: Sausage, eggs,
pancakes, hashbrowns, &
fruit.

Price: Adults (14 & over) \$10
Kids (6-13) \$5
Kids under 6 Free



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) and attach a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation. For more information, please contact Fr. John.



This week we are focusing on what families with adult children and grandchildren can expect from this event! Topics will include:

- How to pray for and intercede for your children as they get older and move out of the home
- As a grandparent, how can you pray for adult children and your grandkids
- The idea of communal prayer, how you can pray for you parish family

Scan QR Code to register for this event!



K-12 Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation will be held in the church this Monday, March 3 from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm. The evening will include Adoration, Praise & Worship, Prayer Teams and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

High School Bible Study will be held this Friday, March 7 from 7:00 am to 7:45 am in the Youth Center. It is never too late to start joining us. During the first few months, we have been focusing on what the bible teaches about seven key virtues (love, forgiveness, humility, prayer, faithfulness, sacrifice, thankfulness) and practical steps to live them out in our daily life.

Totus Tuus (Totally Yours): Mark your calendars for Totus Tuus, a summer catechetical program, June 15 - 20 for grades 1-12. Details and registration coming soon.

Aaron Epkey



Please Pray

For Our Friends and Relatives

Michael Bozung
Bethany Fedewa
Bob Halfmann
Mike Heeg
Therese Heeg
Greg Koenigsnecht
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

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.





FATHER - SON BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 9th
9:30am
Activity Center

**Sponsored
by council
#3027**

RSVP
Dean Schrauben
989-640-0341
By March 1st

MHT SCRIP

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



Diaconal Bans

Second 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.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 3

8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion

Tuesday, March 4

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

Ash Wednesday, March 5

6:00am Intercessory Adoration Begins
5:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations
6:00pm Intercessory Adoration Ends

Friday, March 7

6:30am Eucharistic Adoration
7:00am High School Bible Study
8:45am Confessions
6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 8

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm Confessions

INTERCESSORY

Adoration

To Jesus, With Jesus,
In Jesus



March Intercessory Intentions

- For the School of Love family ministry event, that this event will help our families be strengthened and blessed in their daily and family prayer.
- For all married and engaged couples as they strive to help get each other to heaven.
- For a fruitful Lent, may we find time to sit with the Lord and focus on His love for us.
- For good candidates to apply for the new school principal position.

Our Parish Stewardship

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

Feb. 23 Collection ..\$11,417.80

Children's Collection.....\$33.00

Online Giving..\$5,456.12

Total Collection.....\$16,906.92

Wkly Amt. Needed ..\$15,865.38

Cumulative Difference for the fiscal year:\$42,339.88

Special Collections

Capital Improvements ... \$30.00

ETF \$25.00

Easter Flowers \$100.00

First Offering..... \$20.00

Newspapers..... \$60.00

Solemnity of Mary \$100.00

DSA 2025

This weekend is Diocesan Services Appeal Commitment Weekend! If you did not pick up an envelope this weekend at Mass, you can stop by the office at anytime to pick one up, or make your pledge/donation online.

For more information about DSA or to donate online, please go to our parish website, find the "Online Giving" tab and click "DSA 2025." Please be sure to credit your gift to Most Holy Trinity Parish. Thank you!



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 (DRIVE-THRU 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.



Sponsor of the Week:

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Pray For Vocations



Mason Abbott
Church of Resurrection, Lansing



Sr. Mary Luke Feldpausch
Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma

“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.”

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm in the Church. Please join us!

Christian Mothers

The Christian Mothers are collecting dues again! If you are 65 years or older, you no longer need to pay! However, all other members can pay the yearly \$5 due the following ways:

1. Venmo- Sign into your account. Search for Christian Mothers of Fowler or @ChristianMothersof-Fowler. Click on the name, which will lead you to our profile page. Click “Add friend” and a request will be sent to us. After we accept your request, you can begin making payments.
2. At the Parish Office (please place money in an envelope with your first and last name written on the outside)



*Christian Mothers
and Women's
Association*

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(Closed from 12:00-1:00 pm for Lunch.)

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