

*Third Sunday of*  
**LENT**



## From the Pastor's Desk

### New MHT School Principal

I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Cari Smith has accepted the position of Principal for Most Holy Trinity School, to begin this summer! Mrs. Smith comes highly recommended by not only the interview committee, but also by many parents and parishioners. She is currently our middle school math and language arts teacher, and so while we are sad to lose her in this role, we are also very happy to have someone with her knowledge, energy, and faith to lead our parish school into the future! Mrs. Smith is a life-long MHT parishioner and has been teaching at MHT school since 2016 (see page 4 for a full introduction). Please keep her in your prayers as she takes over the reins this summer! Please also keep Mrs. Hufnagel in your prayers, as she transitions into a well-earned retirement. Anne has done so much for our school and parish over her 19 years as principal, and we are most grateful for her service.

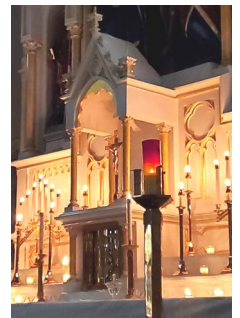
Also, please pray for the Lord to send us a great middle school teacher to take Mrs. Smith's place. A job description for our new middle school teacher is found on page 4 of this bulletin. Please share it with anyone whom you know might be a blessing to our parish school!

### Sanctuary Lamp

Some of you have inquired about making the sanctuary lamp available to burn in honor or memory of a loved one, as is done in some other parishes. The Parish Council recently met and were in favor of this practice, so please feel free to stop by the office to have your loved one remembered in this special way. The lamp will burn for two weeks in their memory, and you can offer a free-will donation for the cost of the candle if you wish. We will also highlight this memorial in the weekly bulletin.

This is also a great time to reflect on the meaning of the sanctuary lamp: a reminder to us of the Lord's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament, kept safe in the Tabernacle. As Catholics, whenever we see the sanctuary lamp shining, we know we are home, we are safe with the Lord. Just as this candle is always burning brightly, day and night, there is no greater feeling than knowing our God is truly *Immanuel*; that He is always with us!

God Bless you, Fr John



### *Making Time For God This Lent— Jerry & MaryLee Klein*

It didn't take Jerry and I long after starting to read the book, *Time for God*, that we realized we were missing out on something in our daily morning prayers. We thought we had a pretty good routine on our daily prayers, but soon discovered that we were only checking off the boxes. This book focused on mental prayer: a prayer that consists of facing God in solitude and silence in order to enter into an intimate, loving communion with Him.

The author, Fr. Jacques Philippe, gave many ways that could help enter into mental prayer. Practicing meditation can help lead you into mental prayer. If you allow, the Holy Spirit can lead you into a deep meaningful way to pray. It doesn't have to be complicated. It can be as easy as saying The Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner." Spending time in adoration is another great example of mental prayer.

The book points out there is no right or wrong way to pray. Asking the Holy Spirit into your life can guide you into a more loving relationship with the Lord. It talked about reading scripture and picking out a sentence or two and focus on the meaning. This is called *Lectio Divina*. There can be times of dryness in your prayer life. Don't immediately give up, but persevere through it. Sometimes this can be a good sign that God wants to lead the soul into a deeper loving relationship with Him.

We also found out that even though it is sometimes hard to get into mental prayer, because of all the distractions in our life, we do not need to get discouraged because Jesus will not get discouraged with us. He loves even the little prayer time that we have with him. At our last class, we talked about re-reading this book again in the future. It would be a great check on ourselves to see just how far we've gone into nurturing a deeper relationship with our Lord.

# 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:

Sunday, March 23	School of Love Family Event
Tuesday, March 25	Study Session @ 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 27	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, March 27	Study Session @ 3:00 p.m.
Friday, March 28	11:30 Dismissal/End of 3rd Quarter
Friday, March 28	Spring Break Begins @ 11:30
Monday, April 7	School Resumes
Thursday, April 10	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, April 10	6th Grade Vocations' Day
Friday, April 11	Lansing Catholic Art Lesson (1- 4)

*Have compassion on me, Lord, for I am weak. Heal me, Lord, for my bones are in agony. ~ Psalm 6:2*

Principal, Anne Hufnagel

MAKE TIME FOR **God** THIS LENT

### Facing God in Solitude and Silence

**Prayer consideration:** *Two people who love each other deeply don't usually have many problems about how to spend their time together. Sometimes just being together is enough- they don't need to do anything else! (pg 49)*

**Prayer challenge:** Spend at least 5 minutes of your prayer time each day this week in silence, seeking only to be in communion with the God who loves you.

**"IN PRAYER, WHAT COUNTS IS NOT TO THINK A LOT BUT TO LOVE A LOT."**

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

## Ministry Schedule

### Tuesday, March 25— 8:15 AM

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

### Wednesday, March 26—6:00 PM

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Luke Goerge  
**Servers** Camden Conner

### Thursday, March 27—8:15 AM

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

### Friday, March 28— 8:15 AM

**Sacristan** Tom O'Rourke  
**Reader** Tricia Feldpausch

### Saturday, March 29— 4:30 PM

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Deanna Pung  
**Servers** Waylon, Landon, & Novi Simon, Ronald Hufangel  
**ExMHC** Patty & Jean Koenigsknecht, Dale Feldpausch  
**Ushers** Kurt Koenigsknecht, Joe Bodarko, John Hufnagel, Dennis Feldpausch

### Sunday, March 30— 8:30 AM

**Sacristan** Paul Horak  
**Reader** Susie Koenigsknecht  
**Servers** Clara, Jonah & Leah Thelen, Lily Schrauben  
**ExMHC** Jane Sisung, Tom O'Rourke, Ralph Feldpausch  
**Ushers** Kevin, Robin, Ryan, & Tim Koenigsknecht

### Sunday, March 30— 10:30 AM

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Jason Smith  
**Servers** Kaedyn & Quentin Smith, Hannah Halfman, Sawyer Thelen  
**ExMHC** Jason Smith, Tonya McCarty, Tricia Goerge  
**Ushers** Leon Schneider, Stan Weber, Roy Witgen, Gene Messer

## Mass Schedule

### Tuesday, March 25

**8:15 AM** † Wayne McCausey 5th anniversary, including Connie 25th anniversary

### Wednesday March 26

**6:00 PM** † Alice Schneider, including living and deceased family members

### Thursday, March 27

**8:15 AM** † Goerge & Nancy Vroman

### Friday, March 28

**8:15 AM** † Geraldine & Roman Geller, including living and deceased family members

### Saturday, March 29

**4:30PM** † Juliann Miller, including living and deceased family members

### Sunday, March 30

**8:30 AM** † Jane Platte, including, living and deceased family members

**10:30 AM** People of the Parish

## Position Opening

### *Middle School Teacher - Most Holy Trinity School*

Most Holy Trinity School in Fowler, MI, is looking for a middle school teacher, to start in the fall of 2025. The position is flexible and could be either full-time or part-time, depending on the needs of the applicant. Applicants who hold either an elementary or secondary teaching certificate from the State of Michigan are preferred.

We are looking for applicants who are highly qualified in mathematics as this position will be responsible for teaching 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade mathematics as well as two other classes, depending upon the applicant's qualifications and the school's scheduling needs. The successful candidate must be dynamic, energetic, and willing to work collaboratively in a team environment. Applicants should be practicing Catholics who are enthusiastic about incorporating the Catholic faith into their teaching.

The ideal applicant will be a teacher who has a genuine passion for teaching in a Catholic school, a commitment to joyful collegiality, an ability to communicate effectively with parents, and a strong foundation in subject matter awareness.

Interested candidates can submit resumes via email to [principal@mhtparish.com](mailto:principal@mhtparish.com) by Friday, April 18, 2025.

Anne Hufnagel

Hello! My name is Cari Smith, and I am honored to step into the role of principal at MHT School starting in the Fall of 2025. As a lifetime parishioner and longtime educator, this opportunity fills me with gratitude and excitement. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Anne Hufnagel for her 19 years of dedicated leadership. I wish her a wonderful and well-deserved retirement.

Throughout the discernment process for this position, I reflected on the many blessings in my life and within our parish community—my own Catholic education at MHT, my 25-year teaching career, and the countless families I have been privileged to know. Our parish's unwavering support—through prayer, service, tithing, and generosity—has always been a source of strength and inspiration.

Teaching at MHT has been a true gift, and while I will miss being in the classroom, I recognize how deeply MHT has shaped me—personally, professionally, and spiritually. It has been a positive influence on my past, and I hope to be a positive influence in its future.

I am eager to embrace this new role and grateful to those who have prayed for our school during the principal search. Please continue to pray for the success of our school, for me during this transition, and for our search for a new math teacher.

May the Lord's will be done, Cari Smith

# K-12 Faith Formation

**High School Faith Formation** will take place this Monday, March 17 & March 24 from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm. We will be off the week of spring break March 31 & Easter Monday April 21. April 28 will be the last session for this school year.

**Lenten Confessions** for 2nd - 8th faith formation students will take place on the following dates during their release time:

Second: 3/27

Third: 3/11

Fourth: 4/7

Fifth: 3/13

Sixth: 3/12

Seventh: 3/19

Eighth: 3/18

**High School Bible Study** will be off this week March 28.

Aaron Epkey



**Lenten  
Penance  
Service**

**April 7**

**6:30pm**  
Multiple Priest available

## Newly Baptized

**Jett Michael Schmitt**

Son of Jacob & Madeleine Schmitt

*We welcome Jett to our parish family!*



## Please Pray

### **For Our Friends and Relatives**

Michael Bozung  
Bethany Fedewa  
Bob Halfmann  
Mike Heeg  
Therese Heeg  
Fr. Bill Koenigsknecht  
Greg Koenigsknecht  
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  
Gary A. 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.

## Priestly Bans

Third Publication

Deacon Randy Jarud Koenigsknecht and Deacon Joshua Thomas Luttig are scheduled to be ordained on Saturday, June 14th, 2025 in the Diocese of Lansing. Anyone knowing a serious reason which impedes his ordination should make this known to Rev. Michael Cassar, Director of Seminarians, Diocese of Lansing, 228 North Walnut, Lansing MI 48933, no later than April 1st, 2025.

## Weekly Schedule

### Monday, March 24

8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion

### Tuesday, March 25

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

### Wednesday, March 26

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

### Friday, March 28

6:30am Eucharistic Adoration  
8:45am Confessions  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 29

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
3:00pm Confessions

## Our Parish Stewardship

*God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity*

**Mar. 16 Collection**....\$8,999.00

Children's Collection.....\$13.00

Online Giving.. ....\$2,170.29

Total Collection.....\$11,182.29

Wkly Amt. Needed ..\$15,865.38

Cumulative Difference for the fiscal year: .....\$42,211.31

### **Special Collections**

Capital Improvements . \$115.00

Easter Flowers ..... \$165.00

ETF ..... \$115.00

First Offering..... \$15.00

Maintenance Fund..... \$155.00

Newspapers ..... \$30.00



## DSA 2025

This Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) is underway! Our parish goal is **\$76,624** and we have already reached **\$50,476** putting us at **65% of our goal!** Thank you so much for your generosity!

While we aim to reach our parish goal listed above, we also strive to reach a high level of participation. As you know, many hands makes light work. If you have yet to donate to the DSA, please prayerfully consider how much you are able to donate to this year's DSA Campaign.

Envelopes are still in the pews, as well as in the parish office. You can also make your pledge/donation on our website, by clicking on the "online giving" tab. Please be sure to designate your gift to "Most Holy Trinity."

Thank you for your support of the DSA!



## Men's COR Meeting

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, March 25 from 7:30-8:30pm** in the Fowler K of C Hall. Meeting will focus on the inspiring life of the Catholic priest Fr. Emil Kapaun. There will be group prayer, a video, and discussion. All men of the parish are welcome to attend!

## Returns for Vocations

Are those returnables starting to pile up at your farm, at your shop, or from family gatherings, etc.?

Most Holy Trinity Parish and the Diocese of Lansing is blessed to have so many men and women pursuing religious vocations. The Knights and our Parish are always looking for ways to continue to show our support for them. If anyone wishes to donate returnables at any time they can be dropped off at the Koenigsknecht Farm or we will arrange to pick them up. Please call Kurt Koenigsknecht 517-282-0343 or Agnes Koenigsknecht 593-2614 to arrange for pickup.

**Reminder:** We collect year-round so please feel free to drop off at the Koenigsknecht farm.

# Sponsor of the Week:

## Rock'n Oak Dairy

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.

## Music Ministry

We now have two large print Parish Hymnals available for use as needed. You can find a copy in both the west and east entryway of the Church on the book shelf.

## MHT SCRIP

The next Scrip order is coming up, please have orders submitted to the **parish office by noon on April 4**. If you would like to learn more about the Scrip program and how you can use it to help defray the cost of a Catholic Education please visit the MHT Parish website or contact the school.

## Ministry Scheduler

Moving forward, if you find that you cannot commit to your scheduled service, MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro) will give you the option to "Request Sub". If your scheduled day arrives and no one has picked it up, we understand that you will not be able to volunteer that day.

In MSP, (once logged in) there will now be an additional link under "Full Schedules", called "Unfilled Positions". Here is another area where you can view only unfilled positions and sign up for them.

Please periodically view MSP, to see if someone needs a sub and any open positions.

Each and every one of you are appreciated in helping this parish function. THANK YOU!!



## Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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### Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am—6:00 pm  
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INTERCESSORY  
*Adoration*

To Jesus, With Jesus,  
*In Jesus*



April 2



Scan the QR Code to sign up for a prayer slot