

MOST HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



**“HIS FATHER CAUGHT SIGHT OF HIM
AND WAS FILLED WITH COMPASSION”**

LUKE 15:20

From the Pastor's Desk

Roof Update

I am very happy to report that we have signed a contract with a company to begin the long-awaited church roof replacement later this spring! The bid for the project came in within our expectations, and so barring any unforeseen issues, we should be in good shape to cover the cost. I am so grateful to our donors for allowing this important project to come to fruition! More details will be shared as we move forward with the project this spring. The church tuckpointing project will be completed as soon as it warms up, so that project will be completed prior to commencement of the roof work.

Parish Penance Service

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our **Lenten Penance Service on Monday, April 7, at 6:30pm**. We will have 7 confessors available, so please take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Lord's mercy as we anticipate the celebration of His resurrection at Easter!

Activity Center Policies

From time to time, questions arise regarding use of various parish facilities. Regarding the activity center, please keep the following policies in mind:

- The activity center will not be offered as a wedding reception venue to Catholic couples who choose to attempt marriage outside of the Catholic Church (without required dispensations).
- A funeral luncheon in the activity center will not be offered when a Catholic chooses to leave instructions (or the family chooses) to forgo a Mass of Christian burial or Memorial Mass upon his or her death.

These policies are not meant to punish, but rather to promote the gravity and gift of Catholic marriages and rites of Christian burial in the Church. Parish leadership reserves the right to determine if requests for parish facility use are in accord with our faith (including considerations for exceptional circumstances). Thank you for your understanding!

God bless you,
Fr John

MAKE TIME FOR *God* THIS LENT

Intimacy in Prayer

Prayer consideration: *We pray not to find self-fulfillment or self-satisfaction, but to please God. (pg13)*

Prayer challenge: Start each prayer time this week by considering how much the Lord delights in your time with Him, and by making your own act of love for the God who loves you.

Quote: "God does not need our works, but is thirsty for our love." St. Therese of Lisieux

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, April 7	School Resumes
Tuesday, April 8	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Wednesday, April 9	7th Grade Retreat @ Lansing Catholic HS
Thursday, April 10	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, April 10	6th Grade Vocations' Day @ Lansing Catholic HS
Friday, April 11	Lansing Catholic Art Lesson (1 - 4)
Tuesday, April 15	Mass @ 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 16	Stations of the Cross @ 9:15 a.m.
Friday, April 18	No School/Good Friday
Monday, April 21	No School/Easter Monday (MHT students)

Stations of the Cross: You are welcome to join us for a Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 16, at 9:15 a.m. in the Church.

Save the Date: May Crowning and Grandparents Day will take place on Friday, May 2. We will have Mass at 8:15 a.m. Grandparents are welcome to join us for Mass or they can just join us for refreshments and BINGO in the Activity Center after Mass.

What do you have that God hasn't given you?. ~ 1 Corinthians 4:7

Principal, Anne Hufnagel



Mark your calendars!

Celebrating our roots with German food, fun, & traditions

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, April 1— 8:15 AM

Sacristan Jerry Klein
Reader Deanna Pung

Wednesday, April 2—6:00 PM

Sacristan Luke Goerge
Reader Luke Goerge
Servers Violet Becker, Charlotte Jandernoa

Thursday, April 3—8:15 AM

Sacristan Dean Schrauben
Reader Deanna Pung

Friday, April 4— 8:15 AM

Sacristan Jerome Pohl
Reader Tricia Feldpausch

Saturday, April 5— 4:30 PM

Sacristan Craig Arens
Reader Dale Feldpausch
Servers Andrew & Logan Platte, Novi Simon, Hannah Halfman
ExMHC Kendra Speers, Jim Andros, Patty Koenigsknecht
Ushers Gerry Arens, Lonnie Schueller, John Hufnagel, Joe Bodarko

Sunday, April 6— 8:30 AM

Sacristan Gerry Davis
Reader Rob Becker
Servers Dexton, Amry, & Kett Feldpausch, Staci Epkey
ExMHC Tom O'Rourke, Beth Thelen, Kevin Schafer
Ushers Bill Armbrustmacher, Jamey Myers, Paul Pung, Bruce Schafer

Sunday, April 6— 10:30 AM

Sacristan Luke Goerge
Reader David Simon
Servers Paige, Carter, Autumn, & Sawyer Thelen
ExMHC Nickie Thelen, Kristin Phillips, Cindy Halfman
Ushers Duane Pung, Dale Koenigsknecht, Dennis Feldpausch, Kent Dell

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, April 1

8:15 AM † Leonard & Anna Simon,
including living and
deceased family members

Wednesday April 2

6:00 PM † Norman & Barbara
Goerge

Thursday, April 3

8:15 AM † Joe Schmitz

Friday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 5

4:30PM † Bernard & Bernice
Hengesbach

Sunday, April 6

8:30 AM † Joe Hafner

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 5th – 8th 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 by Friday, April 18, 2025.

Anne Hufnagel

Sanctuary Candle Intention

In loving memory of Mike Shepard

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.



**Lenten
Penance
Service**

April 7

6:30pm

Multiple Priest available

K-12 Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation will be off this week Monday, March 31 for spring break. We will resume April 7 from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm. Remaining sessions for this school year: April 7, 14, 28. No Faith Formation Monday, April 21 - Easter Monday.

Sacrament of Confirmation: The 10th grade confirmation candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday, April 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers as they anticipate being strengthened in the gifts of the Holy Spirit; equipping them for mission to which God has called them as His disciples.



High School Bible: The next high school bible study will be held Friday, April 11 from 7:00 am - 7:45 am in the Youth Center. It is never too late to begin joining us.

First Holy Communion will take place Sunday, April 27 at the 10:30 am Mass.

Aaron Epkey

Stations of the Cross

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



Please Pray

For Our Friends and Relatives

Michael Bozung
Bethany Fedewa
Bob Halfmann
Mike Heeg
Therese Heeg
Fr. Bill Koenigs knecht
Greg Koenigs knecht
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.

INTERCESSORY

Adoration

To Jesus, With Jesus,
In Jesus



April 2

Scan the QR Code to sign up for a prayer slot



Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 31

8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

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

Friday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 5

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm Confessions

Our Parish Stewardship

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

Mar. 23 Collection..\$24,207.56

Children's Collection.....\$30.00

Online Giving..\$5,689.42

Total Collection.....\$29,926.98

Wkly Amt. Needed ..\$15,865.38

Cumulative Difference for the fiscal year:\$56,272.91

Special Collections

Capital Improvements ... \$40.00

Easter Flowers \$135.00

ETF \$5.00

Maintenance Fund..... \$40.00

DSA 2025

This Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) is underway! Our parish goal is **\$76,624** and we have already reached **\$62,492** putting us at **81% of our goal!** Thank you so much for your generosity! As we near our parish goal, let's continue to surround our parish and diocese with prayer, using this year's DSA Prayer.

Thank you for your support of the DSA!

Job Opening

St. Joseph Church in St. Johns, MI, is accepting applications for the Business Manager position. The position requires excellent organizational skills, experience with accounting principles and processes, and an understanding of facility maintenance needs. This position is full time with insurance, leave time, and pension benefits. Full position description is available at <https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/human-resources/careers>. If you are someone who embraces the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church and are interested in working in this environment, please apply online or send your resume, cover letter, and references to Business Manager Position, St. Joseph Church, 109 Linden St., St. Johns, MI 48879, or email to business.stjoseph@gmail.com.



Palm Sunday

4/12 4:30pm - Mass

4/13 8:30am & 10:30 am - Mass

Holy Thursday

4/17 7:00 pm - Mass

Good Friday

4/18 12:00pm - Stations of the Cross

3:00pm - Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday

4/19 8:30pm - Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

4/20 8:30am - Mass

10:30am - Mass

By Grace
you have been saved

- EPHESIANS 2:5

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of volunteers for Masses during Holy Week, please sign up using Ministry Scheduler Pro.

Sponsor of the Week:

Simon Brothers

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



Peter Randolph
Christ the King, Ann Arbor



Sr. Theresa Immaculata Ohaeri
Sisters of Mary, Moring Star

“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.”

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.

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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