

# The School of LOVE

Family Ministry Event

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Talks for the whole family

- Personal Prayer
- Praying together as a family
- Praying and interceding for each other

Activities for kids

Resources for the whole family

Time of prayer in Adoration



1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Rite of Election

Please keep Amanda Manning in your prayers, as she participates in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral this afternoon. This is a special liturgy where all those in our region who seek Baptism and/or full communion with the Catholic Church get to meet the Bishop, as they prepare for the Easter Vigil. Amanda will be joined at the Cathedral by her husband Zackery and infant daughter Elizabeth (as well as myself), and is preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter. Congratulations, Amanda!

### Stations of the Cross

As a reminder, Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church each Friday during Lent at 6:30pm. The Stations of the Cross are an ancient devotion that helps us enter into the most important events in human history—the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus on the Cross! St. Jerome attested to crowds of pilgrims visiting the holy places (stations) of our Lord's passion in Jerusalem as early as around 400AD. Such devotion spread through the Church down the centuries, and became the subject of local devotion when pilgrims could not easily travel to the Holy Land. The number of stations was fixed at 14 around 1731 by Pope Clement XII. Our stations were beautifully repainted during the 2004 restoration project. Please join us each Friday!

### Cry Room Speaker

The last piece of our cry room/nursery has finally come together, as we now have a speaker that you can turn on to hear the PA system inside. There is also a wall heater in the cry room that you can turn on, but you must have the lights on in order for the heater to work. We try to keep the cry room door open when unoccupied to keep it warm inside, but of course you can close the door when using the room. Please feel free to use the cry room/nursery as is helpful!  
God Bless you, Fr John

MAKE TIME FOR *God* THIS LENT  
By: Cindy Braun

I'm excited to share some things I learned about mental prayer by reading the book "Time For God".

It taught me how important mental prayer is to draw closer to God. Below I've listed a few things that stood out to me from the book.

- A life of prayer is for everyone! It is not something to be mastered, but a grace to be received.
- Make an "appointment" for mental prayer. The more you practice mental prayer, the easier and more fruitful it is.
- Put yourself in God's presence and focus on Him and His love for you.
- Time given to God is not stolen from other people or things. God always provides time for everything.
- It is not important what we do in prayer, but what God does in us.
- The simplest thing we can do in mental prayer is to go into our own hearts where Jesus is and keep Him company.

I would like to encourage you to read "Time For God" and learn more about mental prayer as part of your Lenten journey. My prayer for you is, through mental prayer, you will grow closer to God and feel His love for you!

### Prayer Habits

**Prayer consideration:** *Mental prayer should become a daily event as vital to us as the basic rhythms of existence.* (pg 97) Am I faithful to daily prayer? Are there things I could do to help me pray better? (i.e. have a dedicated prayer space and time of day to pray, keep my phone away from arm's reach at prayer time)

**Prayer challenge:** Does my current prayer set up (time, location, ect) allow me to keep my focus on God in prayer? Do I need to make any changes this Lent to my prayer time?

# 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, March 11	Adoration @ 2:20 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11	Study Session @ 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 13	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday, March 18	Study Session @ 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 19	Education Commission Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 20	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, March 20	Study Session @ 3:00 p.m.
Friday, March 21	Stations of the Cross @ 1:15 p.m.

**Congratulations:** A big congratulations to the MHT School Math Club team that placed 3rd overall at the MathCounts competition at Michigan State University on February 7, 2025. A number of students participated that day. The team of Dominic Spitzley, Kaedyn Smith, Camden Conner and Eli Thelen represented MHT School for the team competition and brought home the hardware!



**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.



*Turn away from evil and do good. ~ 1 Peter 3:11*

Principal, Anne Hufnagel

## Ministry Schedule

### Tuesday, March 11— 8:15 AM

**Sacristan** Gary J Weber  
**Reader** Rosie Feldpausch

### Wednesday, March 12—6:00 PM

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

### Thursday, March 13—8:15 AM

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

### Friday, March 14— 8:15 AM

**Sacristan** Dean Schrauben  
**Reader** Jill Feldpausch

### Saturday, March 15— 4:30 PM

**Sacristan** Craig Arens  
**Reader** Craig Arens  
**Servers** Liam Simon, John & Sophia Spitzley, Quinn Weber  
**ExMHC** Kyle Koenigsknecht, Jim Andros, Sharon Fink  
**Ushers** Gerry Arens, Lonnie Schueller, John Hufnagel, Joe Bodarko

### Sunday, March 16— 8:30 AM

**Sacristan** Paul Horak  
**Reader** Kevin Schafer  
**Servers** Joseph, Andrew, Anthony, & Jonathan Epkey  
**ExMHC** Cheryl Pung, Dean Schrauben, Kendra Speers  
**Ushers** Bill Armbrustmacher, Jamey Myers, Paul Pung, Bruce Schafer

### Sunday, March 16— 10:30 AM

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Kristin Phillips  
**Servers** Ronnie & Emma Davis, Andrew & Logan Platte  
**ExMHC** Tricia Goerge, McKenzie Feldpausch, Cindy Halfman  
**Ushers** Duane Pung, Dale Koenigsknecht, Roy Witgen, Kent Dell

## Mass Schedule

### Tuesday, March 11

**8:15 AM** † Roman & MaryAnn  
Koenigsknecht, including  
living and deceased family  
members

### Wednesday March 12

**6:00 PM** † Gordon Piggott Sr.,  
including living and  
deceased family members

### Thursday, March 13

**8:15 AM** † Kenneth Simon, including  
living and deceased family  
members

### Friday, March 14

**8:15 AM** † Joe & Genny Pung,  
including living and  
deceased family members

### Saturday, March 15

**4:30PM** † David Cole, including  
Agnes Cole

### Sunday, March 16

**8:30 AM** † Mary J. Klein, including  
living and deceased family  
members

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

## Music Ministry


Music Ministry is doing great things, and we would love to see more of you in the choir loft! There are so many ways to be involved, including the 8:30am Mass **Adult Choir**, the adult **Popcorn Choir** that sings at 10:30am Mass 1x/month and the **High School Choir** that sings at 10:30am Mass 1x/month. We are also always looking for more **cantors**. If you have a musical gift, please share it with our parish!

As we enter Lent, you will notice some **musical changes** occur during Mass to help us enter into the season. We will once again sing the Latin chant Mass and there are no "alleluias" said or sung during Lent. Except for school masses, there are no preludes, and instruments are used only to support singing (so there will be no extra instrumental music during Mass).

If you are interested in singing in the **Triduum Choir** that will sing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil, please reach out to Kate Davis at [kated@mhtparish.com](mailto:kated@mhtparish.com) for details. Practices will take place on Wednesday evenings.

**Calling all instrumentalists!** Let's pack the choir loft for Triduum with the beautiful sounds of a wide variety of instruments! If you are interested in playing for all or any of Triduum, please reach out to Kate via email at [kated@mhtparish.com](mailto:kated@mhtparish.com). Instrumentalists should be able to play moderately difficult music well. Email with any questions.


Kate Davis



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Family Ministry Event

**March 23, 2025**  
**10:30am - 4:30pm**

Scan QR Code to register for this event!



# 2025 PARISH FESTIVAL

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**JULY 26, 2025**

# K-12 Faith Formation

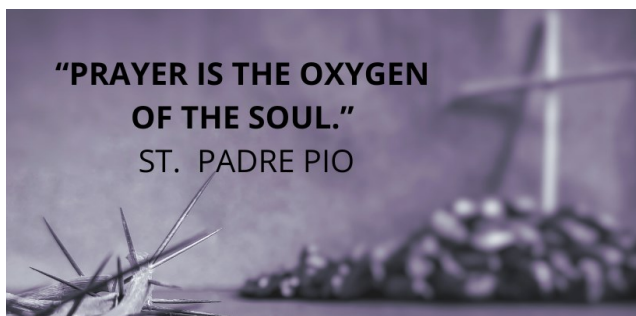
**High School Faith Formation** will be held this Monday, March 10 from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm.

**High School Bible Study** will be held this Friday, March 14 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.

**Sacrament of Confirmation:** The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place for 10th grade confirmation candidates Sunday, April 6, 2:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Aaron Epkey



## Diaconal Bans

### *Third 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).

## Priestly Bans

### *First 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.



## Please Pray

### *For Our Friends and Relatives*

Michael Bozung  
Bethany Fedewa  
Bob Halfmann  
Mike Heeg  
Therese Heeg  
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

### *Recently Deceased*

Gladah Thelen

### *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.

## Weekly Schedule

### Monday, March 10

8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion

### Tuesday, March 11

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

### Wednesday, March 12

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

### Friday, March 14

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

### Saturday, March 15

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 God's blessings on our next school principal.

## Our Parish Stewardship

*God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity*

**Mar. 2 Collection**....\$17,169.25

Children's Collection.....\$42.00

Online Giving.. ....\$1,858.04

Total Collection.....\$19,069.29

Wkly Amt. Needed ..\$15,865.38

Cumulative Difference for the fiscal year: .....\$45,543.79

### **Special Collections**

Capital Improvements . \$260.00

ETF ..... \$205.00

Easter Flowers ..... \$195.00

Maintenance Fund..... \$60.00

Newspapers..... \$135.00

## February Finance Report

**All Sources** .....\$66,619.18

**Year to Date** .....\$583,620.84

**FY 25 Budget**.....\$825,000.00

**Percentage Collected Through February**..... 70.74%

## DSA 2025

This Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) is underway! Our parish goal is **\$76,624** and we have already reached **\$16,130** putting us at **over 20% of our goal in the first week!**

The DSA fund a number of different programs and ministries within the Diocese of Lansing, one of which is helping our seminarians! By the grace of God, MHT continues to foster priests for our Diocese and the DSA reduces the financial burden of higher education. By donating to the DSA, you continue to support our seminarians as they discern and pursue their priestly vocations!

If you were gone last weekend, contribution 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!



# Sponsor of the Week:

## Ox's Smoked Meats

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



**Paul Keenan**  
St. John the Baptist, Ypsilanti



**Sr. Guadalupe Maria Jones**  
Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

“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.”

## 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



## Join us for a Men's "Cor" Meeting

- Third Tuesday of the Month beginning March 18<sup>th</sup>
- 7:30 to 8:30pm
- Fowler Hall (219 N. Main St.)

*Prioritizing Catholic brotherhood can be very challenging in the world we live in – but it is also more important than ever.*

Meetings will focus on the inspiring life of the Catholic priest Fr. Emil Kapaun, the most decorated military chaplain in American history. One-hour meetings will include group prayer, a video, and discussion.



Fr. Kapaun



Scan the QR Code for a 5-minute video of Fr. Kapaun's life  
Meetings are sponsored by the MHT Parish and the Fowler Knights of Columbus  
For more information contact Ron Davis at 517-740-3059 or mrrondavis@gmail.com

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### Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am—6:00 pm

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

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