

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Christ has Risen

EASTER SUNDAY



From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Easter!

The Lord is truly risen! *Alleluia!* Our Lenten fast is over and now we finally can bask in the glory of the Easter season for the next 50 days! Because of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we truly have a reason to hope in this life. Christ has broken the power of sin and death, and we now can share in His resurrection and eternal life, if we persevere in a life of living faith. There is no greater gift!

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all of you who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful! So many helping hands work behind the scenes to help us to worship the Lord as is fitting, especially our church decorators, sacristans, liturgical ministers, choir members and musicians, choir director Kate Davis, parish staff, and so many more! We are indeed blessed by so many generous stewards of God's gifts.

Schedule Notes

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6.

Parish Updates

Thank you so much to all of you who have completed the parish census form that hopefully everyone received back in January. It is so helpful for us to serve you better when our records are up to date. If you haven't completed your census yet, please do so and return it to the parish office as soon as possible. Since everyone has to have their taxes in by April 15, we are asking you to do the same with your census form! Also, be sure to read Jordan Spitzley's facilities update on page 7 of this bulletin for an overview of just some of the projects we have planned to begin once winter is finally over! Finally, please pray that we might find the right candidate to fill our parish sexton position (also see page 7). Many thanks to our current sexton Ralph Pung who has taken such good care of our beautiful cemetery!

"Go Forth" Podcast

Have you listened to our "Go Forth" podcast yet? If not, then please tune in! Each week, Jordan Spitzley and I dive deeper into the Sunday Scriptures, covering topics that we don't have time to get into in the 9 minutes of my homily on Sunday! We also feature special guests, cover significant parish events and more. You can listen on Spotify or Apple podcasts by clicking on the link on our parish website homepage. You can also text **GOFORTH** to **84576** to have a link sent to you each week, or subscribe to our podcast to have it automatically downloaded. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. Also, don't forget that the text of Sunday homilies is available on our website.

Happy Easter!

Fr John

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, April 7

8:15 AM † Danny Ball, including living and deceased family members

Wednesday, April 8

6:00 PM † Joseph, William & Herman Schafer

Thursday, April 9

8:15 AM † Aimee Antes, including living and deceased family members

Friday, April 10

8:15 AM † Patricia Fink

Saturday, April 11

4:30 PM † Paul & Helen Fox, including Bill & Justin

Sunday, April 12

8:30 AM † Katherine Hufnagel, including living and deceased family members

10:30 AM † Herb Thelen, including living and deceased family members

Wedding Banns



First Publication

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Healing Service Testimony

I attended the healing service hoping for relief from pain in my hip. I had injured it a few months earlier and although it had improved somewhat, it had never returned to normal. That night the pain was about a 5 out of 10. During the group prayer, at the beginning of the service, I stood while people nearby gathered around me and prayed. As the prayer began, I felt warmth spread through my body. My legs became shaky and I was not sure if I could continue to stand. Then an unexpected wave of emotion suddenly washed over me. I began to uncontrollably sob. I cannot explain it other than it felt like my body was trying to rid itself of something through my tears. When the prayer ended, my pain had dropped to a 2 out of 10. The next day it was about a 1 out of 10, if even that.

I went to the healing service hoping for physical healing in my hip. But instead, I walked away with far more than I could have ever expected.

To explain why that night meant so much to me, I have to rewind a bit. Several years ago, a healing service was offered in the church during the parish picnic. I remember participating in the individual prayer because I was having trouble with my hip at that time as well. The prayer team prayed over me and asked me to test my hip a few times, but there was no noticeable change.

One of the members of that prayer team was Father Randy Koenigsknecht - though this was many years before he became a priest. During the prayer he looked at me and asked a simple but piercing question: are you struggling to believe that you are worthy of God's love and healing? It felt as if he had looked straight into my heart and his words stayed with me long after that day. Fast forward to the present. When I first considered attending the healing service, hosted by Father Brooks, I found myself wrestling with that same feeling of unworthiness. I nearly talked myself out of going because of it. Part of me believed it would not work for me. I knew in my mind that God loved me, but deep down I continued to struggle to believe that I was worthy of receiving that love.

The week before the service, I listened to a podcast where Jordan interviewed Father Brooks. Hearing him speak helped me understand what to expect. What struck me most was how he removed the pressure from the experience. He explained that simply showing up could be an act of faith. One other thing that Father Brooks mentioned in the podcast was that the service was primarily focused on physical healing, not emotional healing. That was difficult for me, because I was in need of emotional healing as well - probably even more so than the physical healing. My hip was painful, but my heart and my spirit were also broken. —>

So I prayed.

Throughout the entire week leading up to the healing service, I asked God not only to help my hip but I also asked for clarity for the emotional burdens I had been carrying. Yet even as I prayed, that lingering doubt remained: Was I truly worthy of His love? Was I worthy of His healing? How could I expect to be healed if I did not believe that I was worthy?

Those questions followed me into the church the night of the service. I chose a pew near the back, hoping not to be noticed. I just wanted to blend in and listen.

Father Brooks spent time preparing us for prayer and healing. As he spoke, I was surprised by how directly his words touched the struggles in my own heart. He spoke about unforgiveness and the need for control which were both things that had been weighing heavily on me. He asked us to reflect on those burdens and bring them before God. In that moment, I began to picture the people I had struggled to forgive - including myself - and I imagined laying those burdens at the foot of the cross. I stopped trying to understand why things had happened. I stopped trying to reason through them. I let go of trying to fix things that were far beyond my control.

For the first time in a long time, I simply surrendered to God. In that surrender, something shifted. It felt as though a weight had been lifted from my chest. I could breathe more deeply. I was free. It was as if a veil had been pulled back and light had begun to break through.

As if that was not enough..... before the individual prayer teams began praying with people, Father Brooks shared several intentions and ailments that had come to the prayer teams as they prayed in preparation for the evening. Again, he reminded us that the focus of the night was physical healing.

Yet, among the things he mentioned were anxiety, a broken heart, and a broken relationship. When I heard those words, it felt as though time stood still. Those three things were exactly the emotional issues that I had been praying about all week long. In that moment, it felt as if Jesus Himself was sitting beside me in that pew, gently holding my hand. My prayers had not gone unheard.

I felt seen. I felt heard. I felt loved. For the first time in my life, I truly felt worthy. I encountered something I had been longing for without fully realizing it: the presence of the Holy Spirit. I came seeking healing for my hip, but I left with something far greater - the unshakable knowledge that I am deeply loved by God. I finally understood that His sacrifice, healing love, and forgiveness are far greater than the wounds we carry.

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, April 7— 8:15 AM

Sacristan Jerry Klein
Reader Linda Epkey

Wednesday, April 8—6:00 PM

Sacristan Luke Goerge
Reader Ron Feldpausch
Servers 2 volunteers

Thursday, April 9—8:15 AM

Sacristan Dean Schrauben
Reader MHT Students

Friday, April 10— 8:15 AM

Sacristan Jerome Pohl
Reader Sandy Pillard

Saturday, April 11— 4:30 PM

Sacristan Craig Arens
Reader Dale Feldpausch
Servers Ronald Hufnagel, Donnivon, Remington & Kerrigan Schueller
ExMHC Dale Feldpausch, Luke Goerge, Kyle Koenigsknecht
Ushers John Pung, Lonnie Schueller, Joe Bodarko, John Hufnagel

Sunday, April 12— 8:30 AM

Sacristan Paul Horak
Reader Rob Becker
Servers Isaac & Staci Epkey, Aubrey & Hannah Halfman
ExMHC Luke Goerge, Randy Wirth, Ralph Feldpausch
Ushers Ryan, Kevin, Robin & Tim Koenigsknecht

Sunday, April 12— 10:30 AM

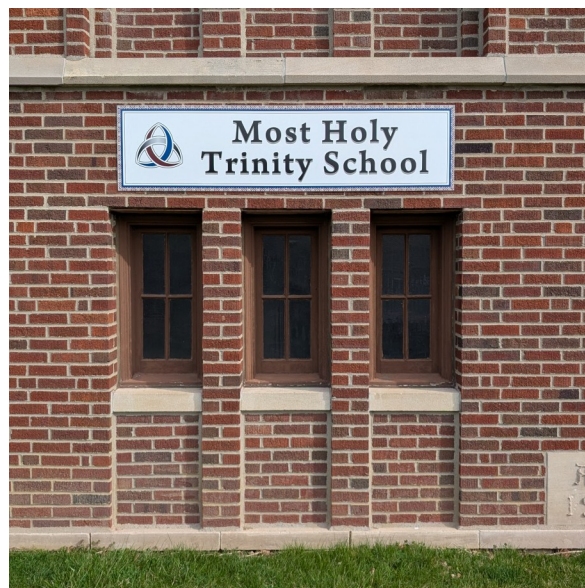
Sacristan Luke Goerge
Reader James Bozung
Servers Carter, Autumn, Paige & Sawyer Thelen
ExMHC Nickie Thelen, Luke Goerge, Karen Bengel
Ushers Hilary Stump, Kent Dell, Dale Koenigsknecht, 1 volunteer

Most Holy Trinity School

Important Dates:

Mon., April 6	NO School - Easter Monday off
Thurs., Apr. 9	All School Mass 8:15
Sun., April 12	Holy Spirit Encounter—1:00pm
Fri., May 1	All School Mass 8:15am—May Crowning Grandparent's Day celebration after Mass

THANK YOU! The new directional signs for our school buildings went up this week using our Fund-a-Need dollars. Feel free to take a look when you are in and around our buildings. They look GREAT! Thanks to Michigan Graphics & Signs for their work.



Holy Spirit Encounter—Faith Like a Child

The power of encouragement! *"It was almost my turn to get prayed over. One teacher said, 'I feel like God wants me to tell you that you are so beautiful, and others around you think that too.' During that time I had a lot of self-doubt, but when I heard that, I started to cry. I knew right away God was telling me that even if I can't see it, others and He see it. He can see the beauty in me because He made me in His image and His likeness."*

There is something powerful and beautiful about simple, childlike faith—coming before the Lord with open, expectant hearts. Over the past several years, I've had the joy of watching our middle school students grow in this in a really special way. They've stepped out with courage, learning to listen for God's voice and share His love with others—and the Lord has met them in truly meaningful ways.

What to Expect: In many ways, this will look like any of our other Holy Spirit Encounters. We'll begin with praise and worship—a chance to slow down and place our hearts before the Lord. You'll hear a short testimony from one of our 8th grade students, sharing a beautiful story of how God has worked in her life. As she prepared to share it, it became clear the Lord had been at work from the beginning. After a brief explanation, you'll have the opportunity to receive prayer from a small group of middle school students, supported by trained adults. They will offer a simple prayer and may share a few encouraging words they feel led to give. You'll have a chance to share if anything resonated, and they'll close with a short prayer of blessing. - Miss Campbell

A Glimpse of What God Is Doing: *"I felt so present with God during the prayer team experience. I was really nervous at first, especially as a leader. Some words I got, I wasn't sure if I should say, but when I shared them and saw how much they resonated, it was awesome. It washed away my fears, and I was able to pray and hear God's voice confidently. Even when some words didn't exactly resonate, I knew God would still work through them. That gave me so much hope as I continued praying."*

At prayer team practice, I got a big assurance that I am actually hearing God's voice. I've been struggling to know if I am actually hearing God's voice and not just my own, but when I shared words I felt were from the Lord, they really resonated with others. It helped me gain confidence that I can hear God's voice. Even if I'm unsure or it's wrong, I've learned that God can still work through it."

FAITH
like a Child

April 12th

1:00pm

Receive prayer and words of encouragement
from the MHT Middle School students

K-12 Faith Formation

High School Faith Formation schedule:

April 6: Easter Monday - No Faith Formation

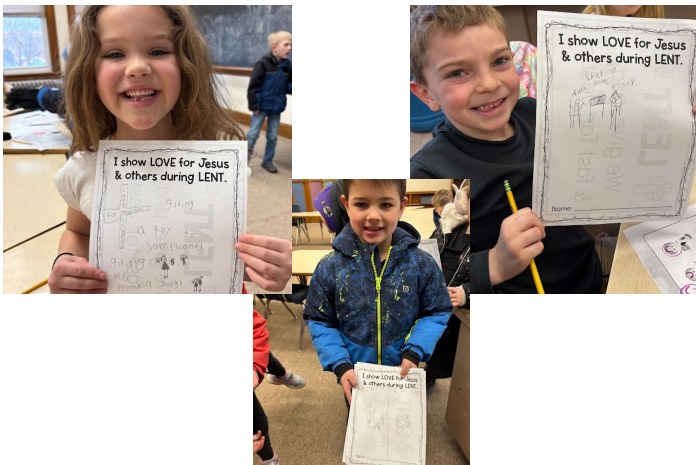
April 13: Groups

April 20: Groups/Last Day

Elementary/Middle School Faith Formation continues through May.

First Holy Communion will take place Sunday, April 26 at the 10:30 am Mass. Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers as they continue to prepare for this special day.

During the sacred season of Lent, our Kindergarten Faith Formation children made drawings on how they show love for Jesus. As we enter into the joy of the Resurrection, may we be inspired by their example – approaching Jesus with childlike trust, offering love in the little things and seeing Him in everyone we meet.



Prayer Ministry

We would love to pray with people whenever that need arises. Don't feel like you need to wait until the next Holy Spirit Encounter or event. We want to be available to pray and share God's love with everyone, especially those who are hurting. We have trained volunteers who would love to sit down and pray for your physical needs or for inner healing. We understand that everyone has their own journey, so it is our aim to meet you where you are at in a safe and confidential way. To set up a prayer session, please contact Andrea Schneider- andreas@mhtparish.com or call the parish office (989)593-2162.

Please Pray

For Our Friends and Relatives

2 Special Intentions

Michael Bozung

Merle Braun

Davison Curtin

Brett Dillon

Bethany Fedewa

Claude Feldpausch

Mike Heeg

Therese Heeg

Kim Humphrey

Elaine Irrer

Fr. Bill Koenigs knecht

Fr. Dennis Howard

Terry Luttig

Arlene McCausey

Mary McCausey

Diane Mussell

Steve Nobis

Megan Parsons

Stan Pohl

Alex Pung

John Rademacher

Steve Rademacher

Julie Wieber Schafer

Hilary Schmitt

Michelle (Jeff) Schmitt

Kay Sillman

Joan Simon

Denny Smith

Dennis Spitzley

Janice Spitzley

Francis Thelen

Janet Thelen

Jeanette Thelen

Charles Trierweiler

Hunter Walter

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!



“What we GIVE is what we have FROM”

the Lord 1 Corinthians 13:14

Thank you for those who have already donated, we have reached **75% of our goal!** DSA contributions are restricted to fund the ministries, programs, and services that offer direct assistance to individuals and families and to our parishes, schools, and affiliated Catholic organizations.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 6

8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion

Tuesday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 8

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

Friday, April 10

6:30am Eucharistic Adoration
8:45am Confessions

Friday, April 11

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm Confessions

April Intercessory Prayer Intentions

- For Fr. Dennis Howard, that he may know the peace of Christ as he receives hospice care.
- For our 2nd grade students who are preparing to receive Jesus on their 1st Holy Communion.
- For those entering the Church this Easter season throughout our diocese.
- For our engaged couples who will be on retreat this month, may they be drawn closer to each other through Christ.

To Jesus, With Jesus,
In Jesus

Our Parish Stewardship

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

Mar. 29 Collection ..\$12,483.00	Special Collections
Children's Collection.....\$5.00	Capital Improvements . \$275.00
Online Giving..\$3,305.16	Cemetery Care \$40.00
Total Collection\$15,793.16	Easter Flowers..... \$230.00
FY26 Weekly Amount	ETF \$205.00
Needed\$16,826.92	Maintenance Funds \$40.00
	Newspapers \$25.00
Cumulative Difference for Fiscal Year 2025:\$61,026.10	

Music Ministry

Happy Easter! THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all of our choir members, cantors and instrumentalists who played a role in making the Holy Week and Easter morning music so beautiful! There are a lot of moving parts, extra practices and much behind the scenes work that happens for these liturgies to come together. We are truly blessed to have so much talent (and willingness to share that talent) **right here at MHT!** It is not unusual for other churches to bring in outside talent for these liturgies. How amazing that we have that right here! A special thank you to my fellow mass accompanists who covered Easter morning: Ashley VanElls and Tammy Schafer. And thank you to my Assistant Adult Choir Director and Master Accompanist Donna George. The talents, experience and giving of these 3 ladies' time are a huge reason this Ministry is flourishing! Please tell them thank you when you see them! **Now, bring on the Easter hymns! Alleluia! He is risen!**

If your 3rd-8th grade child is signed up to sing for the 1st Communion Mass on Sunday, April 26th, the two scheduled practices for this mass are coming up! The practice dates are Tuesday, April 14th and Tuesday, April 21st. Both practices are from 3-4pm in the choir loft.



Sponsor of the Week:

Miller's Redi-Mix, Inc.

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.

Facilities Update

With summer around the corner, there is much that we hope to accomplish this upcoming year! As you know, sections of our sidewalk are in drastic need of replacement. We plan to replace the worst sections, eliminate tripping hazards, and make all walkways passable as soon as the temperatures are consistently warm enough.

We also plan to replace the stained glass window coverings on the Church, as was outlined in the Witness to Hope Campaign. The funds that were raised from that campaign still remain and will fund the entire project. Lifts will be used to complete this work, which is why only the most concerning sections of sidewalk will be replaced.

Speaking of campaigns, because of your generosity, we have already received a significant portion of funds from the local component of the Stewardship for Saints and Scholars Campaign! We will begin restoring the masonry on the exterior of the old school building, and replacing sections of coping stone on the roof as needed.

Position Opening

Cemetery Sexton We are seeking applications for a part-time sexton (12hrs/week). Responsibilities include coordinating burials with the parish office and the grave digger, locating and marking foundations and graves, maintaining all cemetery equipment, keeping the cemetery stocked with necessary materials and resources, coordinating with mowing crews, and general upkeep of the cemetery grounds. If you feel the Lord may be calling you to this position, an application and detailed job description can be picked up at the parish office.

Church Cleaning

It's the time we've been waiting for... SPRING! New growth, fresh starts, and clean hearts.

We are looking for volunteers who would like to freshen up the church. Any and all help is welcomed. We will begin cleaning on **April 24th at 9:15am**. Please bring a rag and a bucket. Thank you!

MHT SCRIP

The next Scrip order is coming up, please have orders submitted to the **parish office by noon on Friday, April 10th**.



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Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am—6:00 pm

Tuesday —Friday 9:00am-3:00pm

*(Closed from 12:00-1:00 pm for Lunch,
and Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 am
for a weekly meeting)*

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