

3rd Sunday of Easter

HOLY SPIRIT

Encounter



APRIL 14 - 6:30PM

*Praise in the midst of suffering*

ADORATION | WORSHIP | PRAYER TEAMS



## Mass Schedule

### Tuesday, April 16

8:15am † Jerry Zywiec

### Wednesday, April 17

6:00pm † Tootie Weber, including living & deceased family members

### Thursday, April 18

8:15am † Regina Martin 3rd anniversary, including living and deceased family members

### Friday, April 19

8:15am † Leon Schafer, including Herman & Clara Wirth

### Saturday, April 20

4:30pm † David Miller, including living & deceased family members

### Sunday, April 21

8:30am † Gilbert & Joan Schafer  
10:30am People of the Parish

## From The Pastor's Desk

### Thank You

A big thank you to all who supported this year's Diocesan Services Appeal! We have reached our goal, which is great! As of this writing, only about 21% of parish families contributed to the DSA, so hopefully more of us can contribute to this worthy appeal in the future. If you are not in a place where you are able to give treasure to God, please consider giving of your time and talent—we always need more helping hands (especially at our parish festival)! Such stewardship of time and talent was on display on Monday morning at our cemetery. Thanks to all of you who helped with the cemetery spring cleanup! It looks great out there! We are blessed to have such a peaceful place for the mortal remains of our loved ones.

### Welcoming them back

Last Sunday, I mentioned in my homily that our parish is only ⅓ the size it was roughly 20 years ago, in terms of Mass attendance. If you are curious, our October 2023 average mass count was 826. In 2005, that same count was 1,267—a loss of 441 souls. I mention this to help us realize how important it is that all of us take very seriously our call to be witnesses to our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We can't force anyone to believe, but we can pray and live in such a way that draws others to want to know the reasons for our hope.

Sometimes, those who were not raised Catholic are intimidated by the Mass—they don't know our responses or gesture—and feel out of place. If you have a friend or relative who is curious about the faith but not ready for Mass, please consider inviting them to one of our Holy Spirit Encounters! The next encounter is this Sunday, April 14 at 6:30pm.

### Vocations

With Randy Koenigsnecht and Josh Luttig about to be ordained deacons, our parish will soon be without any seminarians, which is a call for us to redouble our prayers for vocations! As a reminder, our Holy Hour each Wednesday at 5pm is offered for vocations. As one small way to encourage vocations, you will soon notice our altar servers will look a little different. We discovered a box full of cassocks and surplices, that the boys will now be wearing. The girls will be adding small scapulars to their albs—a scapular is often part of the religious habit. Altar serving is an important way for our young people to grow both in their love for the Eucharist, as well as in hearts ready and willing to serve the Lord, wherever He calls them.

God bless you,

Fr John

## Wedding Banns

### Third Publication

**Jolie Wieber,**

daughter of Jim and Marcy Wieber

**Dustin Wirth,**

son of Bruce and Mary Jo Wirth



# Most Holy Trinity School

## Connecting Faith to Life

*By connecting our Catholic faith to life, we at Most Holy Trinity School seek to fulfill Christ's mandate to proclaim the Gospel, restore all things in Him, strive to lead our students to the Truth for the betterment of this world and prepare them for the age to come.*

### Important Dates:

Tuesday, April 16	7th Grade Retreat at Lansing Catholic
Tuesday, April 16	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Thursday, April 18	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, April 18	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Tuesday, April 23	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Thursday, April 25	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Friday, April 26	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.

**Spring Testing:** Our final NWEA Maps Testing will take place from April 15 to May 15. With the weather getting warmer, it is even harder to make sure students are getting the rest and fuel they need to be the best versions of themselves. They need the help and guidance from all of us to nurture healthy lifestyle habits that make a difference now and in the future.

**MHT School Registration:** Registration for the 2024/25 school year is still open. You can register your child using the following link: <https://forms.gle/7BxtFfha4Z2YCWG76> or by contacting the school office. You can also find the link on our school website. Not sure yet and want to learn more about MHT School, please contact the school office (989-593-2616) to schedule a tour or stop in and pick up an inquiry folder to learn more.

**Prayer Pals Needed:** Have you ever thought about being a prayer pal to one of our MHT School students? Now is the time! You do not have to live in Fowler to be a prayer pal nor do you need to be related to any of our students. We just ask that you accept prayers from your prayer pal and offer them up as well. There is no age requirement and there is not an expectation to attend the prayer pal social (that is just a bonus if it works out). If you are interested, please contact the school office (989-593-2616).

*He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved. - Acts 4:11-12*

Anne Hufnagel, Principal

## Ministry Schedule

### Tuesday, April 16—8:15 AM

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

### Wednesday, April 17—6:00 PM

**Sacristan & Reader** Luke Goerge  
**Servers** Kennedy Weber, Camden Conner & Nicholai Schafer

### Thursday, April 18—8:15 AM

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

### Friday, April 19—8:15 AM

**Sacristan** Jerome Pohl  
**Readers** Linda Epkey

### Saturday, April 20—4:30 PM

**Sacristan** Criag Arens  
**Reader** RoseAnn Feldpausch  
**Servers** Andrew & Logan Platte, Ronald Hufnagel & **1 Volunteer**  
**ExMHC** Dale Feldpausch, Sharon Fink & **1 Volunteer**  
**Ushers** Joe Bodarko, John Hufnagel, Gerry Arens & **1 Volunteer**

### Sunday, April 21— 8:30 AM

**Sacristan** Gerry Davis  
**Reader** Lyle Simon  
**Servers** Quinten Esch, Staci Epkey, Rebecca & Nicholas Smith  
**ExMHC** Kendra Speers, Vern & Bonnie Thelen  
**Ushers** Tom O'Rourke, Bill Armbrustmacher, Bruce Schafer & Dean Schrauben

### Sunday, April 21— 10:30 AM

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** David Simon  
**Servers** Annie Koenigsknecht, Isabell, Sophia & Madilynn Schneider  
**ExMHC** Cindy Halfman, Andrea Schneider & Cynthia Wolker-Pung  
**Ushers** Dan Pung, Don Martin, Duane Pung & Keith Weber



## Weekly Schedule

### Monday, April 15

8:00am Holy Hour for an end to abortion  
7:15pm High School Faith Formation

### Tuesday, April 16

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

### Wednesday, April 17

6:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion  
5:00pm Confessions  
5:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations  
7:00pm Baptism Prep. in the Youth Center

### Friday, April 19

6:30am Eucharistic Adoration  
8:45am Confessions

### Saturday, April 20

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
3:00pm Confessions

## Job Opening— Maintenance Worker

We're seeking applications for either one full-time or two part-time maintenance workers. Responsibilities include maintenance of all parish facilities and equipment, lawn, landscaping, and snow removal duties, safety/regulation compliance, as well as janitorial duties at the school.

Desired qualities include plumbing, electrical/HVAC, and carpentry skills and knowledge, experience working in a skilled trade, being physically capable to lift heavy items, and a strong desire and dedication to serve the Lord.

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. The new hire(s) start date would ideally be June 1, 2024. This position will remain open until filled.

## Parish Festival

This year's parish festival will be on **Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27**. We plan to have Saturday contain nearly all the events that were previously held on Sunday. A few of the leaders who ran festival events so well in past years informed us that they have decided to step down. So **we need your help!** Particularly, we need someone to lead **the inflatables, the parade, and volleyball**. If you feel the Lord may be calling you to steward your time in this way, please contact Jordan Spitzley at the parish office. Thank you!

Descriptions of the lead positions that need to be filled can be found below.

### Inflatables

Major responsibilities include coordinating the setup, delivery, and pickup of the inflatables, as well as overseeing the sales and use of the inflatables the day of the festival.

### Parade

Major responsibilities include communicating parade details to the parish and public, accepting & organizing parade entries, coordinating the parade line up, and blocking off the parade route where needed.

### Volleyball

Major responsibilities include distributing communications, handling registration, coordinating the tournament, set up and take down of the nets, sale of drinks at the tournament.

### 2024 Steubenville Youth Conference



INVITING ALL HIGH-SCHOOLERS INTO A  
LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST!

June 21-23  
Register now online

Questions contact  
Aaron Epkey

dre@mhtparish.com  
or 593-2162

**Register Now:** Visit [mhtparish.com](http://mhtparish.com) homepage and click on the Steubenville icon to register and for more details. The **Deadline to Register is April 23**.

# K-12 Faith Formation

**K-12 Faith Formation:** High School Faith Formation students will meet this Monday, April 15 with their Discipleship Groups from 7:15 pm to 8:15 pm. For our last Monday night of the school year on April 22, we will have an evening of Encounter/Adoration from 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm in the church. The last full week of **K- 8th Faith Formation** is the week of May 13.

**First Holy Communion** will take place Sunday, April 28th at the 10:30 am Mass. Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

**Steubenville Sponsorship/Coffee Fundraiser:** We invite you to support our youth attending the annual Steubenville Youth Conference June 21-23. Sponsorship forms are available in the pews of the church to sponsor an individual student or to make a general group donation. Students are also selling Paramount coffee the next two weeks. We receive a 50% return on every coffee sold. Orders can also be placed online by visiting the homepage of the parish website or by calling/emailing the Faith Formation office 989-593-2162/dre@mhtparish.com. If leaving a message, please be sure to include your first & last name, phone number, coffee item number, and quantity. Payments can be made online by going to the parish website "Online Giving" or mailed/dropped off at the parish office. Checks are made payable to Most Holy Trinity. Thank you for your generosity and for connecting our youth to the love of Jesus; inspiring them to share His love with others

**Steubenville "Illuminate" Youth Conference:** Calling all high school youth and eighth graders going into high school! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, and security. Don't miss out on joining hundreds of Catholic teens to be illuminated by the light of Christ and the love that he has for us all.

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled to take place June, 11, 12, 13 from 9 am to 12pm. More details coming soon.  
Aaron Epkey



## Please Pray

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

David Antes  
Dane Armbrustmacher  
Laurie Becker  
Mike Becker  
Lisa Clarizio  
Davison Curtin  
Rosanne Davis  
Sean Dush  
Bethany Fedewa  
Dexton Feldpausch  
Francis Feldpausch  
Ralph Feldpausch  
Stephen Fox  
Tracy Gaskill  
Ray Hamilton  
Mike Heeg  
Theresa Heeg  
Fr. Dennis Howard  
Carol Huhn  
Jenine Koeckner  
Jeff Koenigsknecht  
Elaine Kramer  
Jennifer Ledger  
Josiah Ledger  
David Maniez  
Virginia Martin  
Arlene McCausey  
Mary McCausey  
Bishop Mengeling  
Steve Nobis  
Kevin Orth  
Frank Rademacher  
John Rademacher  
Steve Rademacher  
Rodney Robbe  
Julie Wieber-Schafer  
Tracy Schmitt  
Fay Schmitz

Jennifer Schrauben  
Gary Schueller  
Mindy Simon  
Dennis Smith  
Shirley Stump  
Rita Snyder  
Dennis Spitzley  
Charlene Thelen  
Dale L. Thelen  
Gary L Thelen  
Janet Thelen  
Jason Thelen  
Steve Thelen  
Russell Tiedt  
Dane VanElls  
Jeff Wadell  
Chris Waldron  
Terry Waldron  
Elaine Weber  
Douglas Werner  
A special intention  
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& for unity within our  
parish family.

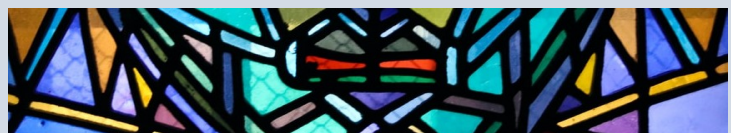
### ***Armed Services***

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.



SHARED PREGNANCY WOMEN'S CENTER  
**LIFESAVERS CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER**

THURSDAY  
**APRIL 18**  
 6:30-8:30PM



ONLINE BIDDING STARTS AT NOON MON, APR 15  
 SCAN HERE!

All bidding ends at 8:30 pm Thu, Apr 18

- Virtual Silent Auction
- Family Friendly
- Ice Cream Sundaes
- Children's Activities

Grand Ledge Opera House  
 121 S. Bridge St., Grand Ledge, MI 48837

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## Our Parish Stewardship

*God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity*

**March 31 Coll** .....\$13,501.00  
 Children's Collection.....\$27.76  
 Online Giving .....\$1,742.98  
 Total Collection.....\$15,271.74

**April 7 Collection**..... \$12,977.00  
 Children's Collection..... \$21.90  
 Online Giving ..... \$3,628.35  
 Total Collection..... \$16,627.25

Wkly Amt. Needed.... \$15,384.62

Cumulative Difference for the fiscal year: ..... \$ 22,222.85

### Special Collections

Capital Improvements ....\$50.00  
 Cemetery Care.....\$40.00  
 Church Roof.....\$202.00  
 Maintenance Fund .....\$50.00  
 Newspapers.....\$10.00  
 Easter Flowers.....\$255.00  
 ETF.....\$5.00  
 Holy Land.....\$520.00

### Special Collections

Cemetery Care ..... \$415.00  
 Easter Flowers..... \$200.00  
 ETF ..... \$35.00

## Life Summit

### Lutherans for Life of Michigan Presents - A Life Summit

*Life Triumphant Hurlled in Splendor Through Thy Broken World*

Sunday, April 28, from 2:00-5:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church  
 329 N. Sorrell Street, Fowler, MI 48835

**PLEASE JOIN US** for this event to hear and learn how we can be involved in continuing to share the message of value of every human life and become more prepared to share the FOR LIFE message!

This event is **FREE**. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP (if possible by April 14) to Pastor Paul Clark at [revpmclark@gmail.com](mailto:revpmclark@gmail.com) or call or text to 517-420-4826. Those who have not registered are still welcome to attend.

## Baptism Class

Will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 7:00pm in the Youth Center.

## March Finance Report

**All Sources** .....\$80,737.56  
**Year to Date**.....\$636,365.02  
**FY 24 Budget**.....\$800,000.00  
**Percentage Collected Through March** ..... 79.54%

## Pray For Vocations

Please keep Seminarian James Benz & Sr. Elizabeth Wesley in your prayers this week!



"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."

## Sponsor of the Week:

### Gerry's Tune-Up & Brakes

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.



## Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:00am-3:00pm  
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### Bulletin Deadline

Mondays at 9:00am

## DSA Update

Thank you to all who have given to this year's DSA Appeal! We have reached **100%** of our parish goal of **\$76,624**, with a total of **\$77,106 pledged!** What an incredible achievement so early in the campaign

Thank you again for your generosity!



## Pictorial Church Directory New Dates Added!

**Thank you** to the everyone who has had their picture taken so far. **June 28 & 29** are now open for photography appointments!

**To schedule your photography** appointment, go to the Universal website, [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on the scheduling login box to the right of the page, enter **mi1868** in the **Church Code field** and enter **photos** in the **Church password field**. Follow the prompts to schedule your appointment. Enter your email when registering to get a reminder the week of your scheduled appointment.

*If you have 5 or more in your family, please register for 2 consecutive time slots.* If you would like help, please call the parish office at 989-593-2162 or visit during business hours: Monday—Friday from 9:00 am—3:00 pm.

## Memorial Dedication

A Clem Sohn, America's first "Batman", Memorial dedication and short presentation will take place at 2:00 PM on April 25, 2024 at the Fowler Welcome Center/Depot. Clem was born on December 10, 1910 in Fowler Michigan. He designed wings, using his study of bats, and once held the record for the highest parachute jump.

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