

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



# First Communion

Please pray for our 2nd grade students who will receive their First Communion this Sunday, April 28th at the 10:30 am Mass.

Charles Bozung  
Isaac Epkey  
Lucia Fahey  
Thatcher Fenning  
Aubrey Halfman  
Bryce Heverly  
Grace Miller  
Logan Platte  
Ezra Pung  
Declan Riley  
Drew Schlaufman  
Hailey Simon  
Victoria Spitzley  
Landon Thelen  
Levi Wieber

Olivia Dell  
Sophia Farley  
Kade Feldpausch  
Kailee Gallagher  
Nicholas Halfman  
Charlotte Marvel  
Grayson O'Rourke  
Natalie Pohl  
Bryce Rehmann  
Mae Schafer  
Silas Schrauben  
John Spitzley  
Kaileigh Thelen  
Levi Thelen  
Mark Zirkle



## Mass Schedule

### Tuesday, April 30

**8:15am** † Joseph P. & Pauline Martin, including living and deceased family members

### Wednesday, May 1

**6:00pm** † Emily Goerge, including living & deceased family members

### Thursday, May 2

**8:15am** † Roman & Helen Thelen, including living & deceased family members

### Friday, May 3

**8:15am** † Ronald R. Schafer, including living & deceased family members

### Saturday, May 4

**4:30pm** People of the Parish

### Sunday, May 5

**8:30am** † Marvin Feldpausch, including Dennis Pohl and deceased members of the Schmitt & Feldpausch families

**10:30am** † Walter & Marie Hufnagel, including Claude

## MHT Scrip

The next Scrip order will be placed on Monday, May 6th. Please have orders submitted by 9:00 a.m. 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.

## From The Pastor's Desk

### Congratulations!

A hearty congratulations to our 30 students who received our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in their first Holy Communion this Sunday! Also, many thanks to Aaron Epkey, Gillian Ernst, Krysta Koenigsnecht, and Kate Davis for helping the students be ready for and to celebrate such an important moment in their lives.

### Neighbors for Life

We have been invited to a "Pro-Life Summit" at St. Paul's Lutheran Church here in Fowler this Sunday, April 28 from 2-5pm. This event is free and those who did not register in advance are welcome to attend.

### May Crowning

Next Sunday at the beginning of our 10:30am Mass we will have May Crowning. All youth in grades 2-8 are invited to be part of the children's choir in honor of the Blessed Mother at this mass. Please sign up your child for the choir by Monday the 29th on our parish website.

### Growing in our Eucharistic Devotion

As we consider how we can grow in our devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, today we consider how we receive Holy Communion. Great care should always be taken with the Blessed Sacrament. Sadly, I once found a host on the floor of an elevator at a hospital and another time in a hymnal. Sometimes people have come forward to receive Communion while chewing gum. I've seen the host fall and the precious blood spilled on the floor on a number of occasions. These may not have been intentional and we all understand accidents do happen, but they highlight why it is important to be ever mindful of the Lord whom we receive in Holy Communion.

So just a few thoughts on other situations that sometimes arise. First, when we receive Holy Communion, we don't need to be in a hurry. Please be mindful that someone may be going to the Communion station on the side of you. Adults who are holding little ones might consider receiving on the tongue, as it can be difficult to reverently consume the sacred host with just one hand. We never judge anyone who is not receiving Holy Communion. Indeed, it is to the credit of those not receiving for taking time to discern their reception. Lastly, sometimes people come forward in the Communion line who are genuinely confused about what to do and are clearly not prepared to receive Holy Communion, so it would be better in such circumstances for them to receive a blessing instead. If you invite a guest to Mass who is not Catholic or doesn't practice, this is an opportunity to have a gentle and loving conversation with them about our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and the practices and obligations that flow from this belief.

God bless you, Fr John

# 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:

Monday, April 29	6th Grade Vocations Day @ LCHS
Tuesday, April 30	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Thursday, May 2	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Friday May 3	Mass @ 8:15 a.m./May Crowning
Tuesday, May 7	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00
Thursday, May 9	Mass @ 8:15 a.m.
Thursday, May 9	Study Session 3:00 - 4:00

**Staffing News:** We are very excited to announce that we have hired a full-time 2nd grade teacher for next school year. Our current literacy interventionist, Nickie Thelen, who taught our 3rd/4th grade class last year has accepted the position. Mrs. Thelen will be teaching next year's 2nd grade class with 10 currently enrolled students and Mrs. Ernst will be teaching the incoming 1st grade class that has 18 students currently registered. It is a great blessing to have someone with her level of expertise and experience as part of our instructional team. She is looking forward to transitioning back into the classroom and helping to form our 2nd graders in their faith as they prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

**Schedule Change:** MHT School is now having a full day of school on Wednesday, June 5, and no school on Thursday, June 6. The annual Family BBQ will be on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 5. More information regarding the Family BBQ will be out soon.

**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 kidding 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.

*See how much the Father has loved us! His love is so great that we are called God's children - and so, in fact, **we are**. - 1 John 3:1*

Anne Hufnagel, Principal

## Ministry Schedule

### Tuesday, April 30—8:15 AM

**Sacristan** TBD  
**Reader** Rosie Feldpausch

### Wednesday, May 1—6:00 PM

**Sacristan & Reader** Luke Goerge  
**Servers** Camden Conner, Chevy & Hope Phillips

### Thursday, May 2—8:15 AM

**Sacristan** TBD  
**Reader** Deanna Pung

### Friday, May 3—8:15 AM

**Sacristan** Jerome Pohl  
**Readers** MHT Students

### Saturday, May 4—4:30 PM

**Sacristan** Criag Arens  
**Reader** Carol Piggott  
**Servers** Jamison, Remington, Donnivon & Kerrigan Schueller  
**ExMHC** Craig, Arens, Dale Feldpausch & **1 Volunteer**  
**Ushers** Joe Bodarko, Gerry Arens, Lonnie Schueller & **1 Volunteer**

### Sunday, May 5— 8:30 AM

**Sacristan** Gerry Davis  
**Reader** Sandy Pillard  
**Servers** Lily Schraubens, Clara, Jonah, Leah Thelen  
**ExMHC** Kevin Schafer, Vicki Wieber & Susie Koenigsknecht  
**Ushers** Bill Armbrustmacher, Jamey Myers, Paul Pung & Bruce Schafer

### Sunday, May 5— 10:30 AM

**Sacristan** Luke Goerge  
**Reader** Paul Fahey  
**Servers** Dominic, Michaela, Matthias & Thomas Spitzley  
**ExMHC** Ron Feldpausch, Nickie Thelen & McKenzie Feldpausch  
**Ushers** Stan Weber, Leon Schneider, Gene Messer & Roy Witgen



## Weekly Schedule

### Monday, April 29

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

### Tuesday, April 30

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

### Wednesday, May 1

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

### Friday, May 3

6:30am Eucharistic Adoration  
8:45am Confessions

### Saturday, May 4

7:00am Eucharistic Adoration  
3:00pm Confessions

## K of C—Support the Faith Raffle

The Knights of Columbus are conducting our annual '50/50 Support the Faith Club fundraiser. This is a cash raffle with various cash prizes and the proceeds will provide scholarships for families sending their children to MHT School and stipends for those families sending their children to MHT Faith Formation. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 and can be purchased at the MHT rectory or MHT School office. Each K of C member was mailed two tickets and is encouraged to purchase or sell the tickets. We are requesting all tickets (sold/unsold) be returned by July 8<sup>th</sup> for the first of 20 cash raffle drawings (18 - \$100 and 2-\$500). ALL entries will be eligible for ALL 20 drawings.

**Scholarships and Stipends:** All families whose children are registered for the 2024-25 education year will be eligible for the scholarships for MHT School and stipends for Faith Formation respectively. The selected families will have a credit with MHT School and/or Faith Formation.

Please don't hesitate to call or text with questions.

Kurt Koenigsknecht—517-282-0343

Kurt Thelen—517-281-8978

## Wedding Banns

### First Publication

### *Shelby Simon & Adam Burkitt*



Daughter of Joseph and Kimberly  
Simon

Son of Mark and Katherine Burkitt

## 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!** 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.

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!

# K-12 Faith Formation

**Steubenville - Register is still available**

Visit [mhtparish.com](http://mhtparish.com) homepage and click on the Steubenville icon to register and for more details.



**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](mailto:dre@mhtparish.com)  
or 593-2162



## Baccalaureate Mass

All graduating seniors are invited to attend the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, May 19th. There will be a reception with light refreshment, put on by the Christian Mothers, in the Activity Center right after Mass.

Aaron Epkey



*May*  
**Crowning**  
*May 5th*  
10:30 Mass

## 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  
Bob Halfmann  
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  
Jeff Wadell  
Chris Waldron  
Terry Waldron  
Elaine Weber  
Douglas Werner  
A special intention  
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A special intention,  
& for unity within our  
parish family.

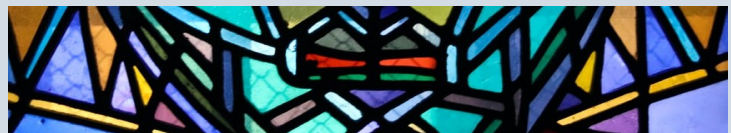
### ***Armed Services***

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.



# 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 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.

## Christian Mothers Apparel Fundraiser

SALE ENDS MAY 18TH



Order Here



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**Payment:** Please pay using venmo when placing your order or choose "Pay in store" and pay in person when picking up your order from the board members.

**Pick Up:** Board members will hand out orders after the sale ends.

# Our Parish Stewardship

*God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity*

**April 21 Collection**...\$12,090.00  
Children's Collection.....\$20.00  
Online Giving .....\$4,586.26  
Total Collection.....\$16,696.26  
Wkly Amt. Needed...\$15,384.62

### Special Collections

Capital Improvement.... \$200.00  
Cemetery Care ..... \$45.00  
ETF ..... \$1,131.15  
Newspapers ..... \$20.00

Cumulative Difference for the fiscal year: .....\$21,996.33

## Pray For Vocations



Please keep Seminarians Glen Hart & Matthew Heeder in your prayers this week!

*Diaconal Ordination*

Saturday,  
May 11th, 2024  
10:30 AM

St. Thomas Aquinas  
955 Alton Rd  
East Lansing, MI

Randy Jarud Koenigsnecht  
Joshua Thomas Luttig

## Christian Mothers

Are in need of more volunteers for the upcoming Diaconate receptions. Scan the QR code to sign-up. Drop-off details are on the Sign-Up Genius.





## Sponsor of the Week:

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## Blended Families Retreat

Traditional marriage preparation programs often fall short for couples entering blended family marriages. Unlike typical unions, stepfamily marriages involve addressing dynamics concerning ex-spouses, co-parenting, loss, step-parenting, spiritual shame, finances, and the diverse expectations of both children and adults. The Blended Family Retreat provides a safe space for couples to navigate these challenges, offering insights into stepfamily life and fostering open dialogue on critical issues. Facilitators, experienced in their own blended family journeys, offer guidance and support to attendees. For more information on dates and locations and to register for an upcoming retreat, scan the QR code.



## Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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### Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:00am-3:00pm  
(Closed from 12:00-1:00 pm for Lunch.)

**Fr. John Whitlock, Pastor**  
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### Parish Office Staff

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### Bulletin Deadline

Mondays at 9:00am

## 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.

### Volunteers needed

We are also looking for volunteers to help on Saturday 5/4, Friday 6/28, and Saturday 6/29. Your duties will simply be to help check in families when they come for their scheduled time. 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.

## MHT School Office

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**Anne Hufnagel,** School Principal  
**Diane Burton,** School Secretary  
**Holly Spitzley,** School Secretary

