Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, August 18
8:15 AM † Sharon Becker, including living and deceased family members

Wednesday, August 19
6:00 PM † Donald Schneider, including Alice and living and deceased family members

Thursday, August 20
8:15 AM For the intentions of the Davis & Thelen families

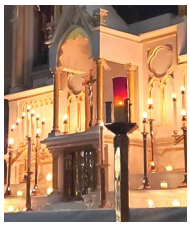
Friday, August 21
8:15 AM † Richard Rodgers, including living and deceased family members

Saturday, August 22
4:30 PM † Steve & Marty Fedewa

Sunday, August 23
8:30 AM † Roy N. Pung, including living and deceased family members

10:30 AM The people of the parish

Sanctuary Candle Intention



For the conversion of all sinners

From the Pastor's Desk

Summer Happenings!
You may have noticed that we have had a lot of activity around campus again this summer! I am particularly grateful for a 2nd successful year of the Totus Tuus children's program, good attendance at the Steubenville Youth Conference, as well as at our new summer youth nights for our teens. Our seminarian Thomas has also spearheaded some well-attended gatherings for our young adults, in addition to a morning Bible Study!

We have also been able to tackle many repairs and improvements around the campus, including:

-New fascia on the front of the activity center
-Replaced basement windows & sealed doors in Youth Center
-Repairs to sidewalks damaged during roof replacement
-Repaired/resealed flat roof on the church
-Tuckpointing and masonry repairs to the old school
-Resealing the church parking lot (in progress)
-Resealing the cemetery driveway
-Church bell repairs (both bells now ring instead of just one!)
-Repairs to make rectory 2nd floor bathrooms useable again
-Replacement of one of the church air conditioning units
-Replacement of activity center east air conditioning units
-Landscaping clean up on the west side of the Activity Center
-Installation of office/rectory backup generator

Projects currently in the works for this fall include:
-Preparation of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium
-New stained glass window protective coverings
-New fence around activity center utilities
-New storage shed for the playground

Projects in the planning stage:
-Enclosing an entryway for the north side of the old school
-New church exterior doors
-New church handrails

While an explanation of the various sources of funding for these projects will be included in this fall's annual report, none of these projects would be possible without your generous stewardship! With the majority of our buildings being 60 to 100+ years old, there are seemingly constant repairs to make. But with the support of the finance committee, facilities committee, and all of us, I am confident that we will be good stewards of the material supports of our parish's mission to save souls!

God bless you,
Fr John

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:

Thurs, Aug. 20	**Open House - 4:30-6:00pm**
Tues, Aug. 25	First Day of School

Friends of MHT School

Some parishioners have inquired about what supplies might still be needed for the upcoming school year beyond what is included on the parents' student supply lists. Below are some suggestions if you wish to help out with supplies as well.

- Boxes of tissues (we can never have enough)
- Band Aids (again, we can never have enough)
- Standard Staples
- EXPO Dry Erase Markers, Chisel Tip, Assorted Colors
- 3 x 3, 3 x 5, and 1 1/2 x 2 Sticky Notes, Any Color
- 8 1/2 x 11 White and Colored Cardstock Paper
- Amazon Basics Multipurpose Copy Printer Paper (it's what works best in our copy machines)
- McCafe Caffeinated Coffee Pods, Medium Roast
- Bigelow Caffeinated Green Tea w/Elderberry plus Vitamin C
- Amazon Gift Certificates for school purchases

Thank YOU! As we get ready for the school year, you will notice some updates on the playground due to generous donors. A special thanks to Dennis Simon for the surface prep for our picnic table and shed (coming soon) and Brian Sullivan for assembly.

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, August 18— 8:15 AM

Sacristan	Jerry Klein
Reader	Deanna Pung

Wednesday, August 19—6:00 PM

Sacristan	Luke Goerge
Reader	Jill Feldpausch
Servers	2 volunteers

Thursday, August 20—8:15 AM

Sacristan	Tom O'Rourke
Reader	Jill Feldpausch

Friday, August 21— 8:15 AM

Sacristan	Jerome Pohl
Reader	Tricia Feldpausch

Saturday, August 22— 4:30 PM

Sacristan	Craig Arens
Reader	Deanna Pung
Servers	Kerrigan, Donnivon & Remington Schueller, Ronald Hufnagel
ExMHC	Rose Ann Feldpausch, Jean Koenigsknecht, Luke Goerge
Ushers	John Pung, John Hufnagel, Lonnie Schueller, 1 volunteer

Sunday, August 23— 8:30 AM

Sacristan	Gerry Davis
Reader	Theresa Sisung
Servers	Chase & Molly Stump, Grayson O'Rourke, Charlotte Jandernoa
ExMHC	Beth & Ronn Thelen, Luke Goerge
Ushers	Bill Armbrustmacher, Tom O'Rourke, Bruce Schafer, 1 volunteer

Sunday, August 23— 10:30 AM

Sacristan	Luke Goerge
Reader	Tricia Goerge
Servers	Dominic, Michaela, Matthias & Victoria Spitzley
ExMHC	Luke Goerge, Tonya McCarty, Ron Feldpausch
Ushers	Stan Weber, Roy Witgen, Gene Messer, Leon Schneider

Cover Feature

5th Glorious Mystery Stained Glass Window—The Coronation of Mary

The Church celebrates this on August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death" (*CCC, 966).*

Newly Baptized

Emma Jo Bengel

Daughter of Keegan & Allison Bengel

We welcome Emma to our parish family!

Music Ministry

Sign-up is open for our MHT Choirs as well as cantors and musicians! Sign-up forms can be found on the music ministry webpage at http://www.mhtparish.com/music-ministry.html, or by scanning the QR code below. If you have any questions, please email Kate Davis at KateD@MHTParish.com. Here is more info about the opportunities within the ministry:

Adult Choir: Sings mainly traditional hymns for every Sunday 8:30am Mass as well as for other special liturgies. Open to ages 18 and older. Rehearsal is every Wednesday evening after 6:00pm Mass. *First practice Wednesday 9/16; first Mass Sunday 9/20 @ 8:30am.*

Popcorn Choir: Sings ~1x/month at 10:30am Mass with a mix of traditional hymns and mainly contemporary songs. Open to ages 18 and older. Designed to be a flexible group, where members can sing when their schedules allow. Rehearsal is at 9:45am prior to assigned Mass in the church choir loft. *First Mass Sunday 9/13 @ 10:30am.*

High School Choir: Sings ~1x/month at 10:30am Mass with a mix of traditional hymns and contemporary songs. Rehearsal is at 9:45am prior to assigned Mass in the church choir loft. Open to all current high schoolers. *First Mass Sunday 9/20 @ 10:30am.*

Cantors: Cantors sing the antiphons (chants), responsorial psalm and the Alleluia, announce song titles during Mass and sing other songs solo when not singing with a choir. Cantors are scheduled for Masses either with only an accompanist or at Masses with a choir. Frequency of cantoring is up to the cantor.

Musicians: Do you play an instrument such as piano, strings, woodwinds, brass, or timpani? We are in need of regular Mass musicians & also for Holy Days and Celebrations such as Triduum and Christmas. This is open to high school students and older.

K-12 Faith Formation

Summer Youth Nights: A heartfelt thank you to all of our youth who joined us for our Summer Youth Night this past Wednesday. **We hope you will join us for our next Youth Night this Wednesday, August 19 with seminarian Thomas Crowley.** We will kick things off with Mass at **6:00pm** in the church, then head to the backyard of the Youth Center for an evening of great snacks, awesome games, music, fun activities, real conversations, and hanging out around the bonfire. The night wraps up around **8:30pm**. We hope that you will bring a friend or two, laugh a lot, make new memories, grow in faith, and discover what God has in store for you.

1-12 Faith Formation Registration is now open with kick-off the week of September 21. To register, please visit mhtparish.com. Faith Formation is an opportunity for children and teens to encounter Christ, learn the faith, live it with joy and share it with others.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Beginning in October, CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) will replace our Kindergarten program and expand our Faith Formation offerings to serve children ages 3-6. CGS is a Montessori inspired faith formation program that nurtures children's relationship with God through hands-on Scripture and liturgy based experiences. **CGS registration is now open** on the parish website under Faith Formation. Limited spots are available. Please note this registration is separate from the 1st-12th grade registration. Sessions will be offered Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00am and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00pm beginning in October. **Start Dates:** October 27 & 28 on the third floor of the old school building.

CGS Atrium: As we continue to prepare our Atrium, the sacred space where children encounter God through CGS, we invite you to support this new ministry. Many materials and furnishings are needed to create this beautiful environment. If you would like to help, donation envelopes are available in the pews. Donations may also be made through Online Giving on the parish website or by bringing your gift to the parish office. If donating by check, please make it payable to Most Holy Trinity and note "CGS" in the memo line. Thank you for partnering with us as we invest in the spiritual formation of our children. We are blessed with your generosity and prayers.

Please Pray

For Our Friends and Relatives

2 Special Intentions
Michael Bozung
Merle Braun
Davison Curtin
Bethany Fedewa
Claude Feldpausch
Gene Goerge
Mike Heeg
Therese Heeg
Marilyn Huhn
Kim Humphrey
Elaine Irrer
Fr. Bill Koenigsknecht
Terry Luttig
Mary McCausey
Steve Nobis
Megan Parsons
Stan Pohl
John Rademacher
Steve Rademacher
Julie Wieber Schafer
Hilary Schmitt
Kay Sillman
Joan Simon
Denny Smith
Dennis Spitzley
Janice Spitzley
Francis Thelen
Janet Thelen
Jeanette Thelen
Hunter Walter
Gary A. Weber

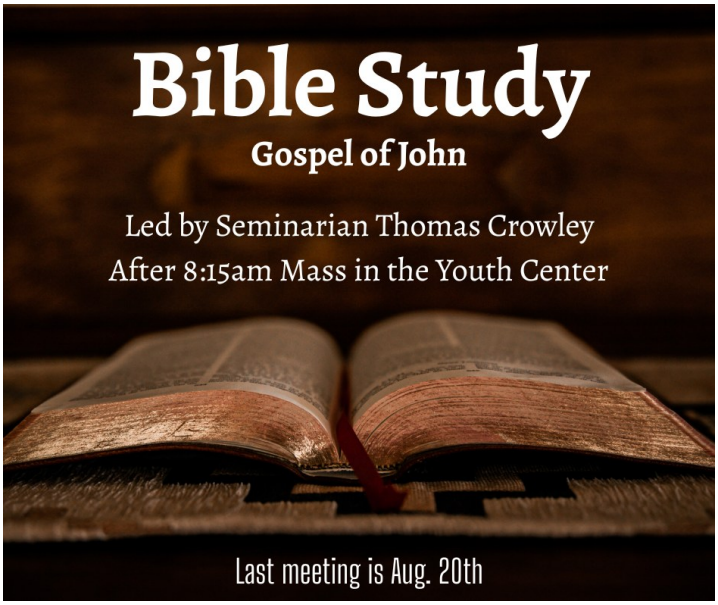
Armed Services

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!



Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 17
8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion

Tuesday, August 18
After 8:15 Mass 7 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Blessed Mother in the Church

Wednesday, August 19
6:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion
5:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, August 21
6:30am Eucharistic Adoration
8:45am Confessions

Saturday, August 22
7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm Confessions

Our Parish Stewardship

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

August 9 Collection..$14,902.01
Children's Collection.....$13.00
Online Giving.. .....$4,663.91
Assumption.....$140.00
Total Collection $19,718.92

FY27 Weekly Amount Needed $17,885.25

Cumulative Difference for Fiscal Year 2027: ..... ($8,079.93)

Special Collections
Cemetery Care $30.00
ETF $235.00
School Support..... $130.00

Parish Office will be **CLOSED** August 19th for a staff retreat

Blood Drive

Monday, August 24th, 2026 in the Activity Center from 11:00am-4:45pm

To schedule an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org Sponsor Code: Fowler Or Call 1-800-Red-Cross

Support the Faith Raffle Winners

This week's $100 winners:

Leon Schneider
Father John Whitlock
Derek Pung
Tom Feldpausch

Surviving Divorce Sessions

St. Mary's Parish is pleased to announce that we will be offering Surviving Divorce sessions which bring hope and healing to anyone who has experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage.

Surviving Divorce will help you work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce, gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences. The program will help you to navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances. This program is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help you to discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you, find answers to your questions, restore your hope, and begin authentic healing.

Surviving Divorce will be held every Monday starting September 14, 2026 to December 14, 2026 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in the Parish Library at St. Mary, Westphalia (No meeting on November 23rd for Thanksgiving). The program fee is $20 to cover the cost of the Personal Guide. To register please go to https://goo.gl/forms/kITjVnkMxEv0mtAI3 or contact St. Mary's Parish at 989-587-4211 by September 4, 2026.

Sponsor of the Week:

Pung Garage Doors & Openers, LLC

To see their full advertisement, see the back page of the bulletin. And remember to patronize all of our sponsors, as they make the bulletin possible.

Family Fest 5k

St. Mary Parish in Westphalia is hosting a community family fest September 18th-19th. Join us for a 5K run or walk on the morning of the 19th, followed by a 1K fun run. Stay for the games, sport tournaments, food trucks and much more.

FAMILY FEST
ST. MARY PARISH | WESTPHALIA

Registration is now open! Register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Westphalia/StMaryFamilyFest. In addition, paper registration forms are available for download at this site.

Please contact Darren & Becky Kramer at (517) 626-2098 or at stmaryrunwalk@gmail.com with any questions.

Community Band is Back!

Small Town Sound will meet on August 26, Sept 9, 16, and 30, Oct 14 and 28, Nov 11, and Dec 2 and 16. Rehearsals are located in the Pewamo-Westphalia High School band room from 7:00-8:30pm. We welcome all concert band instrumentalists, whether rusty or seasoned! Contact Randy Voisinet (voisinet@pwschools.org) or Kelsey Hengesbach (khengesbach721@gmail.com) for more details

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(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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