Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, August 25
8:15 AM † Joanne Pohl, including Denise Plowman and living and deceased family members

Wednesday, August 26
6:00 PM † Alan & Therese Kramer

Thursday, August 27
8:15 AM † Nick Thelen, including living and deceased family members

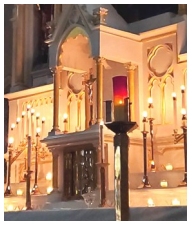
Friday, August 28
8:15 AM † Bob Goerge, Ted Thelen, & Emily Goerge

Saturday, August 29
4:30 PM † Clem & Pauline Armbrustmacher, including living and deceased family members

Sunday, August 30
8:30 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM † Bernard & Bernice Hengesbach, including living and deceased family members

Sanctuary Candle Intention



For the conversion of all sinners

From the Pastor's Desk

Can you help us?
I am saddened to say that we found yet another host on the floor after Masses last weekend. This is I believe the 6th time this has happened since the beginning of the summer. Each time, the host is found somewhere in the area of the (west) confessional. It is highly unlikely that these are unconsecrated hosts as the sacristies are either locked or occupied. Which means that someone is receiving the sacred host and then discarding it rather than consuming it.

Discarding a consecrated host is a grave sacrilege. Hopefully, it is unintentional; my best guess is that it is a child who is not aware of what they are doing. However, it is still a very serious situation as *we believe that the consecrated host is the Body of Christ!* Which is why I am asking everyone to please be on the lookout. I hate to do this because Holy Communion should not be a matter of suspicion, but I have no other choice. As a reminder, no one has to receive Holy Communion. The Sunday obligation is to attend Mass, not to receive Holy Communion (the obligation to receive Communion is only 1 time per year).

Welcome back students!
Please keep all of our students, teachers, parents and catechists in your prayers as our children head back to school this week! Summer always seems to go by too quickly, but it is always a blessing to hear the happy voices and laughter of children on our campus.

Thank you, Seminarian Thomas!
As we say welcome back to our children, we also offer a fond farewell to our summer seminarian Thomas Crowley! Thomas will be leaving this Thursday, 8/27, for his final year of studies at the North American College in Rome. He has been a big blessing to us in the 2 short months he was here, leading young adult gatherings, helping with our summer youth nights, bringing Communion to the sick, and leading a Bible study. He will be ordained a transitional deacon on Thursday, Oct. 1 at St. Peter's Basilica, so if you have some spare time this fall, you might want to make a trip to Rome! Even though Thomas isn't yet ordained, I have still appreciated his help this summer. Which makes me think, imagine what it would be like if we had 2 priests here to serve our parish?! Another good reason to...

Pray for Vocations!
It was also a blessing to have Br. Barnabas Luke Armbrustmacher, CFR, here the last 2 weeks during his home visit. His witness of complete dependence on God through poverty, chastity, and obedience is a powerful, prophetic sign in our world today.

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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:

Tue., Aug. 25	First Day of School - Welcome Back!
Thurs., Aug. 17	All School Mass 8:15am
Fri., Sept. 18	Fowler High School Homecoming
Fri., Oct. 2	Prayer Pal Social

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. Thank you in advance for your support! We appreciate you!

- 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

While he was here, he kindly agreed to come on the Go Forth Podcast to share his testimony and his call to join the CFR's. He shares about their communal life, their mission, and much more.

GO FORTH PODCAST

We also mourned the passing of Sr. Caroline Schafer, SCC in the past weeks. To my knowledge, we have no sisters native to the parish between Sr. Caroline (aged 95) and Sr. Holy Family Wohlfert and Sr. Mary Luke Feldpausch, who are both still very young. All of which is to say please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially in our parish and diocese.

God bless you,
Fr John

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, August 25— 8:15 AM

Sacristan	Jerry Klein
Reader	Deanna Pung

Wednesday, August 26—6:00 PM

Sacristan	Luke Goerge
Reader	Ron Feldpausch
Servers	Novi Simon, Nicholas Halfman

Thursday, August 27—8:15 AM

Sacristan	Gerry Arens
Reader	MHT Students

Friday, August 28— 8:15 AM

Sacristan	Jerome Pohl
Reader	Sandy Pillard

Saturday, August 29— 4:30 PM

Sacristan	Craig Arens
Reader	Krysta Koenigsknecht
Servers	Waylon, Landon & Hailey Simon, Nicholas Halfman
ExMHC	Deanna Pung, Patty Koenigsknecht, Luke Goerge
Ushers	Kurt Koenigsknecht, Gerry Arens, Joe Bodarko, Mike Simon

Sunday, August 30— 8:30 AM

Sacristan	Paul Horak
Reader	Kevin Schafer
Servers	Levi & Quinn Wieber, Brynn & Danica Loynes
ExMHC	Luke Goerge, Vicki Wieber, Cheryl Pung
Ushers	Gerry Schomisch, Glenn Esch, Brett Stump, Michael Feldpausch

Sunday, August 30— 10:30 AM

Sacristan	Luke Goerge
Reader	Kristin Phillips
Servers	Thomas, Sophia & John Spitzley, Ronnie Davis
ExMHC	Luke Goerge, Nicki Thelen, 1 volunteer
Ushers	Dennis Feldpausch, Keith Weber, Duane Pung, Dale Koenigsknecht

Cover Feature

Stained Glass Window—Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

Wedding Banns

First Publication

Dan Esch, Son of Glenn and Mary Esch

Ashlyn Simon, daughter of Dan and Beth Simon

Newly Baptized

Levi James Thelen

Son of Jacob & Leah Thelen

We welcome Levi to our parish family!

Music Ministry

This weekend, we will switch Mass settings. The "Mass setting" is the musical setting we use when we sing the Gloria, Alleluia, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Lamb of God. We will now use the *Mass of Advent* Mass setting through to the beginning of Advent. This setting can be found in the back of the black Parish Hymnal binder. Like the changing liturgical seasons, switching Mass settings on occasion is a wonderful musical way to welcome new seasons within our church, enjoy a new musical setting and create a better fit for the feel of each liturgical season.

Don't forget to sign up to be involved with Music Ministry this year! Sign-up forms are located on the music ministry website at http://www.mhtparish.com/music-ministry.html or by scanning the QR code.

Join a MHT Choir!

Scan the QR Code to sign-up

Adult Choir: First practice 9/16; first mass 9/20 @ 8:30am
Popcorn Choir: First mass 9/13 @ 10:30am
HS Choir: First mass 9/20 @ 10:30am

Sign-up forms are also available for cantors and musicians at the same location.

Cemetery News

We would like to thank all of the lawn mowing crews who volunteer their time to maintain the cemetery grounds. Their efforts help keep the cemetery looking well cared for and save the cemetery thousands of dollars each year.

As a reminder, all gravesite decorations must be placed on the cement foundation or on the base of the headstone to allow for easier mowing. The last day for foundation orders is September 30th.

K-12 Faith Formation

Summer Youth Nights: A special thank you to all of our youth who joined us for our Summer Youth Nights! It was wonderful to see so many young people come together for faith, fellowship and fun. We are especially grateful to Thomas Crowley, Drew Armbrustmacher and Maddie Keilen for sharing their time, talents and enthusiasm with our youth. Your help and dedication were a blessing. As we enter into a new school year, we look forward to continuing to grow together in faith.

1-12 Faith Formation Registration is now open, classes start 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.

- **1st - 8th:** Faith Formation will be held during Release Times form the public school
- **High School** will meet on Monday evenings from 7:15pm to 8:15pm

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 at all the etrances. 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.

Catechetical Sunday: We warmly invite everyone to join us for the 10:30am Mass, September 20, as we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical Sunday celebrates the gift of faith and the important mission we all share in passing on the faith to others. On this special day, we give special thanks for the role of parents, who are the first and most important teachers of faith in the lives of their children. We also recognize all who serve as catechists and are truly grateful for their generosity, dedication, and beautiful witness of love for our Lord and His Church. As we celebrate this year's theme, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," may we be renewed in our own call to live the Gospel and share the love of Christ with those around us. **Following Mass**, please join us for refreshments in the Parish Activity Center. We also invite you to visit our new Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium located on the third floor of the old school, during a special Open House. Come see this beautiful new space where our children will be invited to encounter our Lord.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 24
8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion

Tuesday, August 25
After 8:15 Mass 7 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Blessed Mother in the Church

Wednesday, August 26
6:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion
5:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, August 28
6:30am Eucharistic Adoration
8:45am Confessions

Saturday, August 29
7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm Confessions

OCIA- Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly becoming Catholic? We would like to begin offering inquiry courses this fall for those considering becoming Catholic, as well as for any adults who may have missed Confirmation. If interested, please call the parish office at 989-593-2162.

ETF Meeting

The ETF Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th at 8:00pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. This meeting is open to the public. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the ETF, please feel free to attend this meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Our Parish Stewardship

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

August 16 Collection..$8,972.00
Children's Collection.....$11.00
Online Giving.. .....$4,606.42
Assumption.....$560.00
Total Collection $14,149.42

FY27 Weekly Amount Needed $17,885.25

Cumulative Difference for Fiscal Year 2027: ..... ($11,815.76)

Special Collections
Catholic Charities $2,333.00
ETF $557.75
School Support..... $565.00

Rest in Peace

Sister Caroline Schafer, SCC

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Caroline Schafer, SCC, was celebrated on Aug. 7 at the Convent of the Holy Spirit in Northfield, Illinois. Sister Caroline of the Sisters of Christian Charity died Aug. 1 at the Convent of the Holy Spirit at the age of 95.

Caroline Schafer was born on Oct. 14, 1930, in Westphalia, Michigan. She entered the Sisters of Christian Charity on Aug. 11, 1945. She became a novice on Aug. 21, 1947, and was given the name Sister Lucilda. (In 1970, she reverted to using her baptismal name.) She pronounced her first vows on Aug. 21, 1949, and, six years later, on Aug. 20, 1955, she pronounced her perpetual vows. She would go on to serve as an elementary school teacher to different schools in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Louisiana. In 1980, Sister Caroline was called to the motherhouse in Wilmette, Illinois, to serve as novice directress. She later served as a principal, then returned to Wilmette in 1993 and served as provincial councilor for one year. She then went to Rome as general councilor. In 1995, Sister Caroline was back at the motherhouse in Wilmette, again serving as provincial councilor and superior of the motherhouse. In 1998, Sister Caroline became administrator of Sacred Heart Convent in Wilmette. She would continue in this role until 2019 when she retired from active ministry.

She was buried in Maria Immaculata Cemetery in Wilmette. She is survived by her sisters Irene Ayles, Helen Thelen, Julia Schueller, Mary (Dave) Antes.

Sponsor of the Week:

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Support the Faith Raffle Winners

This week's $100 winner is: Jeff Schrauben

Catholic Biblical School

Study the Bible with an expert teacher there to guide you! A new class with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan launches at Most Holy Trinity on Monday nights this fall. Learn more at an Online Info Night 8/23 or 9/1 at 8pm: cbsmich.org/infonights.

Here is some feedback from one of last years attendees.

"I feel like I have a closer relationship to God. I'm making more connections and understanding his words even more in my heart. I'm able to put God's words and actions into practice throughout my daily life."

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