Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, August 11
8:15 AM † Marie Thelen, 1 yr. anniversary

Wednesday, August 12
6:00 PM † Bob & Gladys Halfmann & Brooke Becker, including living and deceased family members

Thursday, August 13
8:15 AM A Special Intention

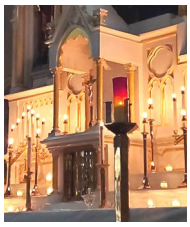
Friday, August 14
8:15 AM † Daniel Fedewa, including living and deceased family members

Saturday, August 15
4:30 PM † Patricia Conkle, 1 yr. anniversary

Sunday, August 16
8:30 AM The people of the parish

10:30 AM † Chris Spitzley, including living and deceased family members

Sanctuary Candle Intention



For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

From the Pastor's Desk

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Fall is just around the corner, and so we are already starting to plan our OCIA classes! These classes are designed for those who are not Catholic but are considering joining the Catholic faith, as well as those baptized Catholics who missed the Sacrament of Confirmation. OCIA begins with an "inquiry" period, where one can learn more about the Catholic faith and decide whether or not they would like to continue studies and prayer toward Baptism and/or Confirmation. If you or someone you know might be interested in OCIA, please contact the parish office.

Catholic Charities 2nd Collection next weekend

There will be a second collection next weekend, August 15-16, that will be split between Catholic Charities of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton County, and St. Vincent dePaul in St. Johns. This collection is held each summer, and is an opportunity for us to support the less fortunate in our county and in the Lansing metro area.

St. Vincent de Paul helps the less fortunate in our parish boundaries by helping with utility and rent costs, food purchases, free items, temporary shelter, and outreach upon release from incarceration. Catholic Charities IEC benefits both the St. Vincent Campus and Cristo Rey Campus, through a variety of programs such as immigration legal assistance, Foster Care and Adoption Programs, Dental Center, Health Clinic, Food Pantry, Community Kitchen, Clothing Closet, Personal Care, Refugee Resettlement Program, and Counseling Services. Thank you for your support!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul U.S.A.

Catholic Charities of Ingham, Eaton & Clinton Counties

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Because it falls on a Saturday this year, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is not a holy day of obligation this year. Mass on Saturday evening, August 15, will be for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time because Solemnities of Our Lord (such as every Sunday) always take precedence over those for Our Lady.

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
Fri, Sept. 4	No School - Labor Day Weekend
Mon, Sept. 7	No School - Labor Day Weekend
Fri, Oct. 2	Prayer Pal Social
Fri, Dec. 18	Christmas Break Begins; 11:30 Dismissal
Fri, Feb. 12	No School; Mid-Winter Break
Mon, Feb. 15	No School; Mid-Winter Break
Thurs, March 25	Spring Break begins; 11:30 Dismissal
Sun, April 25	First Communion 10:30am Mass
Fri, May 7	May Crowning/Grandparent's Day
Wed, June 2	8th Grade Graduation; 6:00pm Mass
Thurs, June3	Last Day of School 11:30 Dismissal; Family BBQ to follow

School Supply List:
Now that it's August, the school supply list is available on the MHT School web site or at http://www.mhtparish.com/school-supply-list.html

OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

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 or email office@mhtparish.com.

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, August 11— 8:15 AM

Sacristan	Thomas Crowley
Reader	Deanna Pung

Wednesday, August 12—6:00 PM

Sacristan	Luke Goerge
Reader	Gerry Davis
Servers	Charlotte Jandernoa, 1 volunteers

Thursday, August 13—8:15 AM

Sacristan	Gerry Arens
Reader	Linda Epkey

Friday, August 14— 8:15 AM

Sacristan	Jerome Pohl
Reader	Sandy Pillard

Saturday, August 15— 4:30 PM

Sacristan	Craig Arens
Reader	Robert Orme
Servers	Andrew & Logan Platte, Liam & Novi Simon
ExMHC	Sharon Fink, Luke Goerge, Dale Feldpausch
Ushers	Dennis Feldpausch, Joe Bodarko, 2 volunteers

Sunday, August 16— 8:30 AM

Sacristan	Paul Horak
Reader	Clare Koenigsknecht
Servers	Lily & Silas Schrauben, Aubrey Halfman, Donavan Wieber
ExMHC	Luke Goerge, Randy Wirth, Ralph Feldpausch,
Ushers	Terry Smith, Jamey Myers, Paul Pung, Bruce Schafer

Sunday, August 16— 10:30 AM

Sacristan	Luke Goerge
Reader	James Bozung
Servers	Kaedyn Smith, Xavier Simon, Ronnie Davis, 1 volunteer
ExMHC	Jason Smith, Luke Goerge, Cindy Halfman
Ushers	Kent Dell, 3 volunteers

Cover Feature

4th Glorious Mystery Stained Glass Window—The Assumption

The Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. You can read about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in ***Munificentissimus Deus*** (Latin: *The most bountiful God*), an apostolic constitution that was published in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

"Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stains of original sin, when the course of her early life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory." (Munificentissimus Deus 1950: DS 39013)

Take courage, it is I;
DO NOT BE AFRAID
Matthew 14:27

Retreat Opportunity

Singles Late 50s & Above

Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions? Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat!

The next weekend is on August 21-23, 2026 at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing). Cost is $255 for meals and a single room. For more info, go to www.RenewRetreats.org, e-mail renewretreat.mi@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772.

Thank You

The MHT garden club, Gardening Angels, would like to thank Bernie & Marilyn Thelen, Mike & Sally Braun, Ken & Sue Halfman, Rich & Rosie Feldpausch, Gene & Ellen Messer, and Neil & Rosie Feldpausch for donating mulch. Many thanks to Therese Koenigsknecht, Mary Armbrustmacher, Carol Crichton, Rosie Feldpausch, Joy Stump, and Lauren Davis, for donating flowers, planting, watering, and weeding. Thank you Brian Sullivan for your assistance and thanks to any others that contributed.

August Prayer Intentions

As a parish, may each of us answer the call to grow in holiness and look for ways to build up the kingdom of God.

For blessings on the upcoming school year, that the Holy Spirit will guide our teachers and catechists in their planning and preparations.

For families and students as they transition into a new school year, may peace and joy accompany them.

For the next bishop of the Diocese of Lansing, may he shepherd with wisdom and truth, and lead us to Christ.

"BUT SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY...
AND PRAY TO THE LORD ON ITS BEHALF,
FOR IN ITS WELFARE YOU
WILL FIND YOUR WELFARE."
Jer. 29:7

K-12 Faith Formation

Summer Youth Nights: A heartfelt thank you to all of our youth who joined us for our 1st Summer Youth Night on July 29th! It was a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and growing together in faith. **We hope you will join us for our next Youth Night this Wednesday, August 12 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.

Faith Formation Registration

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

Important Registration Note: 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 will open at the end of August and will be separate from registration for Grades 1-12. More information about CGS, including registration details, will be communicated in the coming weeks. In the meantime, to learn more about CGS, please visit the parish website homepage.

- **1st - 8th Faith Formation** will be held during release times from the public school
- **High School** will meet on Monday evenings from 7:15pm to 8:15pm
- **CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)** will be offered Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00am and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00pm beginning in October.

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
Arlene McCausey
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
Charles Trierweiler
Hunter Walter
Gary A. Weber

Recently Deceased

Sr. Caroline Schafer, SCC

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!

CGS Atrium: As we 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.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 10
8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion

Tuesday, August 11
After 8:15 Mass 7 Sorrowful Mysteries of the Blessed Mother in the Church

Wednesday, August 12
6:00am Eucharistic Adoration
8:00am Holy Hour for an End to Abortion
5:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Holy Hour for Vocations

Friday, August 14
6:30am Eucharistic Adoration
8:45am Confessions

Saturday, August 15
7:00am Eucharistic Adoration
3:00pm Confessions

Our Parish Stewardship

God's Treasure at Most Holy Trinity

August 2 Collection..$13,246.35
Children's Collection.....$9.00
Online Giving.. .....$3,709.42
Assumption.....$50.00
Total Collection $17,014.77

FY27 Weekly Amount Needed $17,885.25

Cumulative Difference for Fiscal Year 2027: ..... ($9,913.60)

Special Collections
ETF $55.00
Newspapers $10.00
School Support..... $60.00

July Finance Report

All Sources.....$66,207.30
Year to Date $66,207.30
FY 27 Budget.....$940,000.00
Percentage Collected Through July 7%

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:

Joel Thelen
Sue Goerge
Scott Piggott
Jon & Kristie Thelen

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:

Wirth Mechanical Heating-Cooling

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.

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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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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