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Dear Friends,

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy, founded in 1838, is celebrating its 185th year. It is the oldest elementary school in Detroit. (Detroit Public Schools was founded in 1842.) We educate the whole child – heart, mind, and soul. A good education is the best path out of poverty. This column is dedicated to our school.

We work hard to make education affordable. Many of our parents work but do not earn enough to pay full tuition. About 80 percent receive some form of financial aid. As our enrollment grows, so does the need. I am very grateful to the people who have offered to sponsor a student. The sponsor receives the name and background of the student and progress reports. The cost per year is \$5,000. Please contact me if you would like to participate in this worthy endeavor.

Like most schools, we look for quality teachers every year. We have initiated a program to attract retired teachers. Teachers receive their pension, and we compensate them at the level of their years of service according to the Archdiocesan scale. It is a wonderful school that is helping students to achieve.

Our current building was constructed in 1962. Though it has been well maintained for the last several decades, the original heating system is dying. Phase one is a new boiler for about \$200,000. This will occur next June. Phase two is a new ventilating and heating system throughout the school for about \$500,000. I hope to install this new system in 2025.

We are in the process of developing an alumni association. We hope that our alumni, who have benefited from our school, will be inspired to give back and support us.

Because of you, we can continue the incredible legacy of Most Holy Trinity Parish.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Chuck Kosanke

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Pastor

# A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT MOST HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY and an exciting new partnership with Loyola Marymount University

August 23 marked the first day of school at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy! We are always so excited to begin a new school year.

The 2023-24 school year will mark the beginning of an exciting partnership between MHTCA and the Innovation in Digital Education and Leadership (iDEAL) Institute at Loyola Marymount University (LMU). The iDEAL Institute has selected MHTCA as one of its Blended Learning Partnership Schools and, through grant funding, we have begun implementing the Blended Learning program.

The Blended Learning model is an opportunity for the students to learn at their own pace, at their own level, through small group instruction, individual and collaborative practice, and using adaptive and assignable software. This program allows teachers to get immediate data on student learning and differentiate the learning in order to maximize student success.

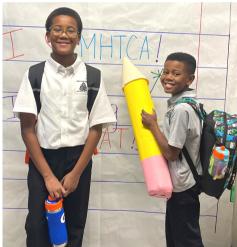


















TRINITY TIMES FALL 2023

## MOST HOLY TRINITY WELCOMES NEW CLERGY



Fr. John Herman joined the Trinity family this summer as our new associate pastor. Fr. John is a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross. He grew up in St. Joseph Parish in Trenton, Michigan. He graduated from his parish grade school and Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview.



He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at the University of Detroit before entering formation with the Holy Cross community. Since his ordination to the priesthood in 1995, Fr. John has served at St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, Arizona, in residence hall ministry and campus ministry at the University of Notre Dame, at Nuestra Madre Santisma de la Luz Parish in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico and in formation ministry at Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame.

He feels blessed to have the opportunity to serve both the English and Spanish-speaking communities at the Basilica of Saint Anne and Most Holy Trinity Parish in the Southwest Detroit Family of Parishes.

Deacon Aaron Poyer also joined the family this summer. He previously served at Corpus Christi in Detroit since his ordination in 2019. Deacon Aaron is a retired law enforcement officer of 35 years. After his retirement, he accepted a position with the Archdiocese of Detroit serving as Delegate for Consecrated Life & Priestly Mission. He and his wife Julie serve together on the Diaconate Formation Team and the Deacon Community Board. Together they have four adult children, a son-in-law, and in 2022, they had the joy of becoming grandparents as they welcomed their first grandson.

Deacon Aaron has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University (1990) and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies (MAPS) from Sacred Heart Major Seminary (2020).

#### Outreach Ministry Volunteers Needed

Most Holy Trinity Parish's Food Pantry and Clothing Room are in need of volunteers! Volunteers will also be needed to help assemble Christmas food and gift baskets.

We are also looking for lawyers and Spanish translators to staff our newly relaunched Free Legal Clinic. The clinic will be open twice a month on Thursday evenings.

Contact Fr. John if you can help at 313.965.4450 or john.herman@mhtdetroit.org.

# Day of the Dead at Most Holy Trinity

Parish ofrendas will be on exhibition after Sunday Masses from October 22 – November 5.

All Saints Day Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on November 1.



# Calling Most Holy Trinity Alumni!

Did you attend Most Holy Trinity or St. Vincent de Paul School? We want to hear from you! Please email Laurie Snyder at **laurie.snyderesteannedetroit.org** to get in touch. We will be forming an alumni association and planning events to bring our alumni together. Go Shamrocks!

#### Quinceañera Retreat

Saturday, October 7 at 9am – 5pm Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy

Girls making their Quinceañera are invited to join us for a day of inspiration, friendship and fun! Our theme this year is "Open Your Hearts" and we'll talk, pray, eat, play games and listen to dynamic speakers.

Register at mhtdetroit.org/events.



Founded in 1834 to minister to the people of Detroit and dedicated to the service of our merciful and loving God, Most Holy Trinity Parish is a community of missionary disciples that provides corporal and spiritual care to people in need.

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