

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

*958 E. Tuscola St.
Frankenmuth, Michigan
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*~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~
April 13 & 14, 2019*

Parish Mission Statement

*We, the members of Blessed Trinity Parish,
share a common bond of love given to us through the Mystery of the Blessed Trinity.*

As the loving Father does, we welcome and support everyone who enters our faith community.

*As His Son exemplifies, we humbly strive to be a learning, giving, caring,
and teaching parish eager to serve, evangelize, and give generously of ourselves to others.*

*As the Holy Spirit inspires and leads us, we are a faithful, prayer family that worships God
through the many gifts and ministries with which the Lord has blessed us.*



All Are Welcome

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place!*

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, April 16

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Diocesan Chrism Mass
1:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:30 p.m. Reflections Dance Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. All Choirs Music Rehearsal for Easter

Wednesday, April 17

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Rosary
10:00 a.m. Individual Reconciliation until 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. Individual Reconciliation until 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

11:00 a.m. Merry Widow's Luncheon at Slo'Bones
5:00 p.m. Seder Meal (pot luck to follow)
7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass (adoration to follow)
9:30 p.m. Night Watch Closing Prayer

Friday, April 19

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service



Saturday, April 20

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

11:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Basket Food
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (social to follow)

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass
11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass (with baptism)

It's all part of the process ~ our journey toward health, wholeness, and conversion stretches across the span of our lives and, ironically, doesn't prevent our deaths. But the more fully we embrace life and live in God's Spirit, the less significant our deaths become.

Dying is just part of the process toward life in Christ. For a time we will see as in a mirror - through a glass darkly. But if we follow Jesus' instruction of forgiveness and love, we will eventually see clearly - even with our eyes closed and even beyond our deaths.



*this week's sanctuary candle
is sponsored by Elizabeth Doyle
in memory of Dennis Doyle, Sr.*

General Information

- ◆ If you would like to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, please call the parish office for more information.
- ◆ If you would like to have your **child baptized**, call the parish office for information. Baptisms are celebrated regularly, except during Lent.
- ◆ Adults who are interested in learning more about the **Catholic faith** are invited to call the parish office for more information.
- ◆ Are you planning a **wedding**? Please call the parish office before setting a wedding date. Six months are required for preparation.
- ◆ Would you or someone you know wish to celebrate the **Anointing of the Sick**? Please call the parish office to request an individual anointing.
- ◆ Please remember that when **entering a hospital**, you should register as a member of Blessed Trinity Parish. When **confined at home**, please contact our parish office.
- ◆ **New parishioners** are always welcome at Blessed Trinity. If you wish to join our community, please contact the parish office for an appointment to register.
- ◆ Text and pictures for the weekly **bulletin** is due by 12:00 noon on Mondays to: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org.

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator

Today begins the holiest week of the year. Palm Sunday brings us a dichotomy of processions into the city of Jerusalem. One was a peasant procession, Jesus from the east...riding a donkey down from the Mount of Olives. His message is of the kingdom of God and most of his followers are peasants. They had traveled to Jerusalem from Galilee, about 100 miles to the north.

On the opposite side of the city and from the West, Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Idumea, Judea, and Samara entered the city with the imperial calvary and soldiers. Pilate's message and demonstration was one of rule, dominance and power. The two processions embody the central conflict leading to Jesus's crucifixion.

Even though Pilate and his armies preferred life along the sea in Ceasarea Maritima, each year they would come up to the city during major Jewish festivals to maintain order and display their powerful dominance of the area. Imagine their entrance into the city, full of drums beating, full armor and banners.

Pilate's procession also was a display of imperial theology. According to theology, the emperor was not simply the ruler of Rome, but also the Son of God. It began with the greatest of Emperors Augustus, who ruled Rome from 31 BC to 14 AD. His father was the God Apollo. Inscriptions refer to him as "God" or "savior." Pilate's procession embodied not only a rival social order, but a rival theology.

Jesus's procession was deliberate and countered what was happening on the other side of town. People would decide to choose between Jesus; his plan of freedom, peace, solidarity, social justice and eternal life to that of the kingdom of Caesar.

This weekend, read and pray through the Gospel reading. Find one or two verses that really speak to you and your heart. Jesus gave everything he humanly had for us and still found compassion for those to be crucified next to him. May we in some small way share His mercy with others as we follow the way of the cross with Him.

Deacon Larry Deford

People may not say thank you. You may not get the credit you deserve. Nobody may be giving you applause. But rest assured, when you serve others, there is applause for you in heaven.



We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ March 31 - April 6, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions	\$2,745.00
Parish Debt Retirement	45.00
Catholic Relief Services	555.00
Total	\$3,345.00

Weekend ~ April 6 & 7, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (162 envelopes)	\$7,588.00
Weekend Loose	822.00
Children's Contributions (5 envelopes)	4.79
Parish Debt Retirement Fund (4 envelopes)	205.00
Catholic Relief Services (4 envelopes)	145.00
Weekend Total	\$8,764.79

Children's Stewardship Messages: Caroline's talent ~ playing baseball; Jack's time ~ helped clean the car; Natalie's time ~ cleaned my room; Annabelle's talent ~ dance; Keegan's time ~ helped clean.

No joy can equal the joy of serving others.

The Sacrament of Penance

One of the powerful sources of God's mercy in our lives is in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Catholics have traditionally celebrated this sacrament of mercy during the season of Lent each year. Opportunities for individual penance at Blessed Trinity are offered on:

- ⇒ Sunday, April 14 at 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday, April 17 at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- ⇒ Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Parishioner Kathie Mates helps with Lenten Collage crafts at last Sunday's Parish Lenten Event.

Go Ahead and Ask

While most of us do not commit obviously grievous sins, we still "miss the mark" regularly in subtle ways, for example, by being angry or self-righteous. Although it is not easy to admit that we are not perfect, our spiritual well-being depends upon it.

May our prayer today be that we are made aware of the times and ways we have sinned so that we can ask for God's mercy. For although God doesn't wait to be asked before forgiving us, we cannot receive that forgiveness if we haven't acknowledged our need for it.

Youth Ministry News

As we begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday, we reflect on what we have experienced during this Lenten season and how we have walked with Jesus...

*Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love,
in your great tenderness wipe away my offences;
wash me thoroughly from my guilt,
purify me from my sin.
(Psalm 51:1-2)*

Thank you to all who attended last Sunday's Parish Lenten Event which was sponsored by the Faith Formation Commission. Thanks to Katy Schuler and Grace Dycus for offering the opening and closing prayers and to Andrew Harris, Ian and Kennedy Sutherland, and Austin Sawicki for clean-up help. Heartfelt thanks go to Kathie Mates for sharing her artistic talents with us. It was a fun evening!

Tonight/Sunday, all youth who are interested in going to see the movie *Dumbo* need to text me for info. We will meet at BT and travel to Birch Run for the movie.

Cardboard City 2019 will take place on April 27 & 28. Sign up in the youth room and take a permission slip. We'll begin at 6:00 p.m. and set up our "homes." We'll discuss the reason why you are homeless and what can be done as a community to make sure that no one needs to sleep in a box or goes hungry. We will end our event with Mass on Sunday. All are welcome to participate. Youth Group alumni are needed to help lead this event; please contact me if you are available.

Our Mackinac Island Retreat is delayed due to the late end of the school year. There are limited dates available to us; if you are in grades 9-12 and would like to attend, please contact me.

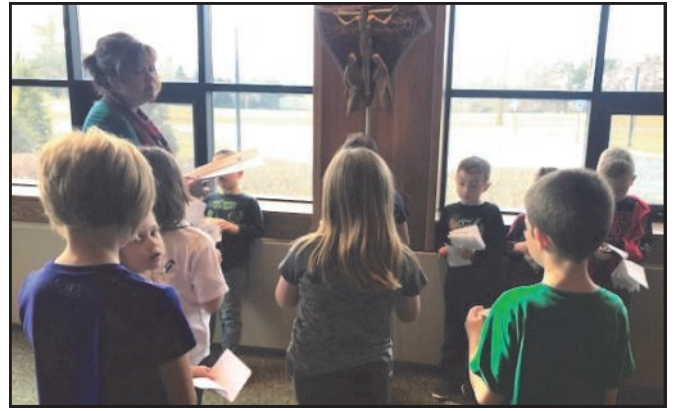
Our trip to Cedar Point will take place on June 26. Sign up in the youth room or text me if you plan to go. I need 40 youth in grades 5-12 to commit in order for this event to take place.

YES Camp (Youth Encounter Saginaw) will take place on June 23 - 28. Join other Catholic high school youth to reach out to the poor of Saginaw. Open to those in grades 9-12 - contact me if you are interested.

Class of 2019....please get me your video pictures before the end of April! Thank you!

Let's see if Lauren Doherty is reading the bulletin! Lauren ~ contact me for your gift card!

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Mrs. Loiacano's grade 1 students walked the Stations of the Cross and discussed Baptism at last week's Faith Formation class.

Faith Formation News

Blessed Trinity students were confirmed on April 4 at Ss. Francis and Clare Parish in Birch Run. Regional Vicar, Fr. Pete Gaspeny, anointed the candidates with sacred Chrism and asked the Holy Spirit to strengthen their faith.

Before the ceremony, Fr. Pete met with students and was pleased to find that they were well-prepared to receive the sacrament. My thanks to Sandi Doherty for her careful and caring work with our grade 2 children (see group photo above).

Our newly confirmed include:

- Charlotte Marie Grablick*
- Matthew Kenneth Hafeli*
- Brennan Michael Hecht*
- Adelaide Elizabeth Hudecek*
- CJ Keberlein*
- Preston Joseph Keberlein*
- Ella Elizabeth Lynch*
- Luke James McCallum*
- Drew John McGovern*
- Selah Rose Micinski*
- Sawyer David Plant*

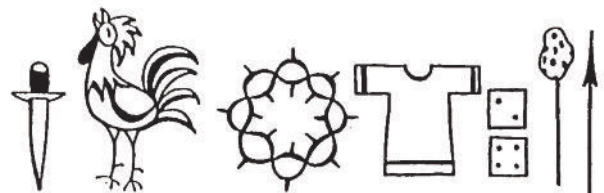
Parents, please note we do not have classes during Holy Week. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 23.

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Liturgical Ministry Help Needed

Altar Servers, Mass Assistants, Greeters, and Hospitality Ministers are asked to sign up in the gathering area if you would like to serve at one of our Holy Week liturgies. Thank you!

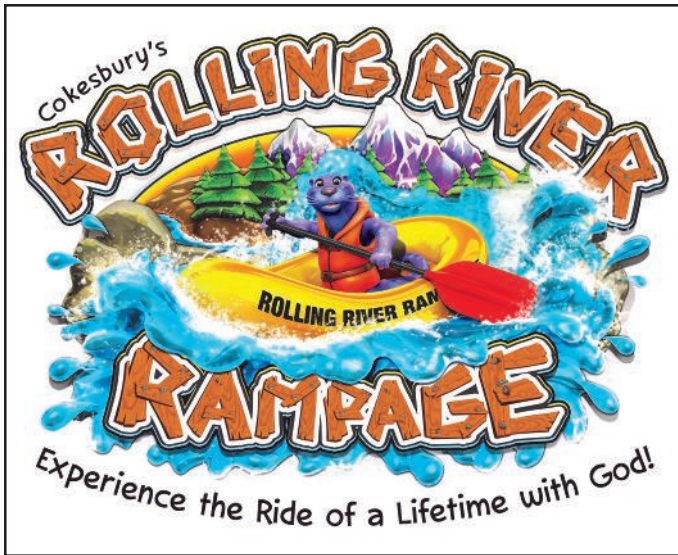


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Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School 2019, to be held at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church on July 22-25!

Yes we can, with God's help ~ our faith might be more conditional than we'd like to admit. We may expect it to magically solve all our problems, perhaps by way of miraculous signs and wonders such as the Galileans expected of Jesus. But, that is not how faith works.

It's not about a miracle fix but rather about facing and resolving life's challenges with the confidence that we do not face them alone - God is at our side. So rather than hope for a miracle today, work on resolving a problem yourself, with the confidence and serenity that God is with you.

Need Prayers? Call the Parish Prayer Network with your prayer needs and concerns: Ginger Hall at 652-9519 or Nanci Lyon at 652-6532. You can also submit prayer requests on our parish website. When you visit Blessed Trinity during the week or when you come to weekend Mass, be sure to write your prayer intentions in the Book of Life in the back of church.

Sponsor Sanctuary Lamp

Parishioners are invited to make an offering for the candles used in the sanctuary lamp (the lamp that burns 24/7 before the tabernacle) which reminds us of the presence of the Risen Lord in the Blessed Sacrament that is reserved in the tabernacle.



The light comes from a large candle placed in a red glass container and burns for seven days. The candle is generally replaced on Friday or Saturday each week throughout the year.

If you would like to make an offering of \$50.00 for these candles in honor or in memory of a family member, friend, neighbor, etc. please call the parish office to find out which weeks are available.

Here I Am, Lord

Here I am, Lord, all wrapped up in yet another busy day,
praying that I won't forget to follow in Your loving way!
Let my words and deeds be measured by the kindness You outpoured,
let me give in selfless service nothing less than You, dear Lord.

Fill my heart with peace and patience, slow me to a gentler pace,
help me see Your Spirit shining in the most unlikely place.
Here I am Lord, far from perfect, thankful to be called Your friend,
hoping to become more loving, more like You today. Amen.



Congratulations to parishioner, Eric Doherty, who received the Eagle Scout Award last Sunday in a ceremony held at Blessed Trinity. In this picture, Eric receives a blessing from Fr. T.J. Fleming.

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council 7233 invites all parishioners to their annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, May 5 at 11105 Dixie Hwy. in Birch Run. Social time will begin at 12:00 noon with dinner at 2:00 p.m. To RSVP, call 989-751-0088 by April 28.

St. Mary's Cathedral offers their Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube, or at www.dioceseofsaginaw.org for anyone who is hospitalized or homebound.

Summer Camp Opportunity

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren while they have fun at the same time? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, MI. This Catholic camp provides experiences in a technology-free zone while immersed in a faith-filled environment. For more info, check out: www.CampSanctaMaria.org or call 248-822-8199.




24th Annual
FISH FRIES
 FRANKENMUTH/BIRCH RUN
Knights of Columbus
 (1mile North of Birch Run Road)

Shrimp Dinners
All-you-Can-Eat Cod Dinners

TAKE OUT OR EAT IN 11:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 5, 2018 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors • November 2, 2018 In Honor of Veterans Day Active Military & Veterans Eat Free • December 7, 2018 SANTA VISITS 4:00-7:00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 4, 2019 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors • February 1, 2019 • March 8, 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 15, 2019 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors • March 22, 2019 • March 29, 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 5, 2019 • April 12, 2019 • April 19, 2019
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