



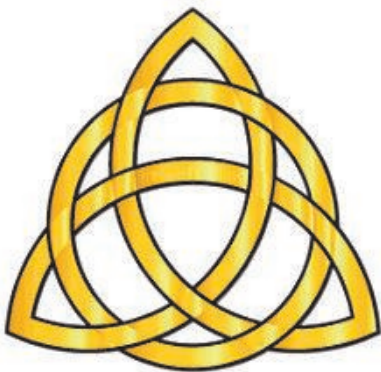
Parish Mission Statement

*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.*



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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*~ Fifth Sunday of Lent ~
April 6 & 7, 2019*

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator

We are nearing the end of Lent. By removing indulgences of food, drink and possessions at this time, we are able to focus on what's most important in life...our relationship with God. Our practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving surge forward as Holy Week arrives. What changes or behaviors have we changed during this season of Lent that we'd like to continue during the rest of our lives?

As I mentioned last weekend in my homily, we are all to be reconciled to God, our Father and to one another. That means praying to the Father for the forgiveness of our sins and how we may have offended someone else. To be examples of Christ for others and to accept the forgiveness of others for our faults. Lack of forgiveness, like guilt, can at times negatively cling to our heart and soul. There are times in most our lives that God has forgiven us for our sins, but we still hold them against ourselves. Are we better than God? Time to clean that slate and let ourselves off the hook.

In today's Gospel reading, the Pharisees and scribes bring a woman forward to Jesus, accusing her of sin. Other than the sin she is accused of, we know nothing of the woman, except she is probably guilty of the charge against her and the punishment then was to be stoned. In the legal sense of the word, she is a sinner because accused of adultery. But for Jesus, sin is a much bigger concept when understood in spiritual terms. Sin is an alienation from God and one another. We are all sinners and all of humanity needs God's forgiveness, grace and healing. Interesting in this case is the scribes' attempt to trick Jesus or put him to a test...uphold the law or be compassionate?

We will never know what Jesus scribbled in the dirt, but his response to their demands silenced them. One by one they depart and leave. The story could have finished there, but instead focuses on God's mercy and forgiveness. Instead of condemning her, he challenges her to turn her life around. Jesus never infringes on our freedom and always offers us choices in life. It's up to us to accept the forgiveness and grace he has bestowed upon us.

Deacon Larry Deford

Don't wait for a perfect moment;
Just take a moment
and make it perfect.

Lenten Parish Event

All are invited to a Parish Lenten Evening tonight/Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come for prayer, soup & salad, and a craft. Parishioner Kathie Mates will be on hand to help you create a special Lenten collage.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ March 24-30, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,180.00
Parish Debt Retirement	10.00
Total	\$1,190.00

Weekend ~ March 30 & 31, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (152 envelopes)	\$6,807.00
Weekend Loose	682.00
Children's Contributions (4 envelopes)	2.78
Parish Debt Retirement Fund (2 envelopes)	40.00
Catholic Relief Services (58 envelopes)	1,865.00
Catholic Relief Services Loose	513.00
Weekend Total	\$9,969.78

Children's Stewardship Messages: Mya's time ~ babysitting; Jack's talent ~ sports; Natalie's time ~ cleaning house; Caroline's talent ~ helping people.

*I will lift my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord!
So I'll walk in the light of the path set before me, for I know your love will show me the way.*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to come to our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, April 9 Lent from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the day chapel. No matter how much or how little time you have, parishioners and guests are welcome to stop in for reflective prayer and adoration.



Stations of the Cross

On Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m., Mike Snyder and Alissa Hetzner will lead us in our familiar Stations of the Cross. All are welcome!

Faith Formation News

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope everyone enjoyed some rest and time together. We are more than halfway through Lent and drawing closer to the events of Holy Week.

Most of our students have had the opportunity to participate in a re-enactment of the Last Supper over the last few weeks. One of our classrooms was transformed into a likeness of the "Upper Room."

By candlelight, students listened to the Gospel account of the Last Supper and experienced what the disciples may have felt as they gathered around the table with Jesus to share his last meal.

My thanks to Fred Fitch who captured the attention of our students in his recreation of the kindness and patience of Jesus! (see pictures at right)

Next week, we will offer grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 students an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. T.J. Fleming will lead the classes in a Reconciliation Prayer Service. Parents are welcome to attend at 3:15 p.m. on the day of their child's class.



On Sunday, March 24 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass, students K.J. Helms and Maxton Helms participated in a Scrutiny Prayer. The boys are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We look forward to welcoming them into our church and ask that you keep K.J. and Maxton in your prayers.

Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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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.



Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday is our Parish Lenten Event sponsored by your Faith Formation Commission. We will enjoy a dinner of soup & salad and then be directed by Kathie Mates in making a Lenten collage to take home. All parish members are invited to attend.

Last Sunday, our youth had a great "just be" gathering where they did homework, played games, sat and talked, and watched a great basketball game! Thanks to all who came to "just be."

They also discussed the purple bracelets that we have been wearing for Lent. **TRUST** - what does it mean and who do we trust? We talked about all of the baggage we may carry and how busy we all are. Upon returning to school from Spring Break, we talked about how we need to focus on our Lenten journey and **TRUST** in God for all things. Let go, let God. Or, as Shiloh said, "let Jesus take the wheel."

*The Lord Your God is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will renew you in his love;
He will exult over you with loud singing.*

(Zephaniah 3:17)

A reminder to our youth with an addition to the schedule of a movie offering. Please text me for details if you are interested.

Let's do this! Cardboard City will be held on April 27 & 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. Sign up and take a permission slip from the youth room. BT Youth Group alumni are asked to help if you're home from college at that time. Everyone should start looking for their "cardboard" home!

Congratulations to parishioners Andrew Harris and Eric Doherty for being named recipients of the Serra Club Award for Blessed Trinity Parish. Andrew is the fourth in his family to be honored with this award. Your BT family is proud of both of you for your commitment to faith and community! (see picture at left)

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Proud to wear our "God Squad" sweatshirts!



Congratulations to Andrew & Eric!

Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.



Electronic Tithing

Electronic giving to your parish helps establish your stewardship as a priority. Once you authorize the amount of your contribution, it is electronically transferred to the parish account on the dates you specify. For more info, call Parish Bookkeeper Carol Maurer at 652-3259.

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.

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. It's understandable, but that is not how faith works.

It's not about the 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 of the Week:

MedExpress - Urgent Care

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Please patronize our sponsors.
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Thank You

Thanks to Blessed Trinity and the Giving Tree effort for adopting seven Vassar-area families this past Christmas. All the gifts, food, and care you offered was greatly appreciated. Thanks especially to the people who delivered the items and to Samantha Brunnschweiler for her ministry. You are a blessing.

Linda Inglis



Lenten Service Projects

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Monies saved from fasting from a favorite food or drink can be used to help others. Please take one of the provided bags and as you purchase the items needed, pray for those who will receive them. Please return all donations by Friday, April 12.

Hospital Hospitality House of Saginaw ~ we will collect breakfast/granola bars and travel size personal care items to assist those from out of town who are staying at the Hospitality House while a loved one is in the hospital.

HIS Restoration Ministries ~ HIS Restoration helps homeless and/or single women and new mothers in many ways. We will collect diapers, wipes, and other baby items to assist them in their ministry.

Vassar Area Food Pantry ~ food pantries are not often able to help with needs such as toilet paper, tissue, feminine hygiene products or diapers, things that we take for granted but cost money that people may not have to spare. We will collect these items to assist the local pantry, 4-roll packages of toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, feminine hygiene products, diapers of all sizes.

Wellspring Lutheran Services ~ this agency does many wonderful things, including helping residents in area assisted living/nursing home facilities. Often the residents have just enough funds to cover room and board, and do not have money for necessities. We will collect gift cards that Wellspring will use on an as-needed basis for residents in need.



24th Annual
FISH FRIES
FRANKENMUTH/BIRCH RUN
Knights of Columbus
(1 mile 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.

<p>• October 5, 2018 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors</p>	<p>• January 4, 2019 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors</p>	<p>• March 15, 2019 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors</p>	<p>• April 5, 2019</p>
<p>• November 2, 2018 In Honor of Veterans Day Active Military & Veterans Eat Free</p>	<p>• February 1, 2019</p>	<p>• March 22, 2019</p>	<p>• April 12, 2019</p>
<p>• December 7, 2018 SANTA VISITS 4:00-7:00</p>	<p>• March 8, 2019</p>	<p>• March 29, 2019</p>	<p>• April 19, 2019</p>

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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. Please RSVP by calling 989-751-0088 by April 28.

Any parish men interested in joining the Knights should call Kirk Dupuie at 989-280-2141.

Summer Camp Opportunity

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren while they have a blast at the same time? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, MI. This is a Catholic camp that provides fun 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.

Pray. Pray often. Pray with faith.
Pray knowing that it makes a difference.

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.

