

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 24 & 25, 2019



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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.*

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, August 27

Memorial of St. Monica
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 28

Memorial of St. Augustine
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Rosary
11:00 a.m. Adult Study
6:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, August 29

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 31

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4:00 p.m. Private Confessions until 4:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 1

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass

Calm me, quiet me, settle me....
Steady me, balance me, ground me....
Plant me, root me, embed me....
Support me, sustain me, protect me....
Forgive me, pardon me, free me....
Refresh me, restore me, heal me....
Enfold me, embrace me, hold me....
Lord, hear my prayer today!



*Scripture Readings for
August 31 & September 1, 2019*

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14

Don't Leave Hungry

Some folks will always set out food when you visit their homes no matter what time of day it is. If you're smart you learn to drop by when you're good and hungry! Jesus never let anyone walk away hungry either - even if it meant setting the table for 5,000. His mother foretold that fact in her great song, the Magnificat: "He has filled the hungry with good things."

When tired of the junk food the world has to offer, pray in faith that God will fill you with good things.

this week's sanctuary candle is sponsored



in memory of Esther Zielinski

by family members

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.
- ◆ 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.

Notes from our Pastor ~ Fr. Patrick Jankowiak
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Road Closure: part of Tuscola St. near the City Boat Launch has been partially barricaded for the past few months due to flood damage to the culvert. The city is now ready to completely repair the culvert. However, to do so will require totally closing off the section of Tuscola St. where the culvert is to all traffic. Work is expected to begin on Monday, August 26 and be completed by Friday, September 20. During that time, traffic to Blessed Trinity Parish will need to use Block Rd. as a detour. The city does not expect the construction to last a full month, but all the work is weather dependent.

Thinking About Becoming Catholic? In the Church, we have a beautiful process for anyone who wants to become Catholic. It's called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA for short). The RCIA is very old, dating back to the 300's. It's a series of steps, and each step takes someone deeper into the Catholic Faith. There's a special ritual at Sunday Mass for each step, so the community can offer their prayers and support. If you'd like more information about the RCIA at Blessed Trinity, or have questions about becoming Catholic, simply give the parish office a call at 652-3259.

Labor Day: the first official Labor Day in the United States was celebrated in 1882 in New York City. A man named Peter McGuire came up with the idea (he was the founder of a carpenters' union). Labor Day was held to bring attention to unfair labor practices, like the numbers of hours in a workday, being paid a fair wage, having safe working conditions, etc. But when Labor Day is talked about these days, it's in reference to the end of summer vacation, the start of school, or a sale.



The Catholic Church is a strong advocate for fair labor practices around the world. Yet people in wealthy nations don't like the Church speaking out on economic matters. In our own country there is a widespread belief that the U.S. economy must never be tinkered with. The Catholic Church strongly disagrees, because anything that affects the lives of human beings falls under the domain of Jesus Christ. In other words, there is no form of human activity that is out of bounds for the Lord. As far back as 1891, popes have spoken out against unjust economic actions and have issued formal papal encyclicals about the rights of workers. Consider:

“Those who have the care of the State and the public good must do their utmost to relieve the needs of the poor.”

(Pope Pius XI)

“Compensation cannot be left to the laws of the marketplace. All workers must be paid a wage which allows them to live a truly human life.”

(Pope John XXIII)

“Excessive economic inequalities are a danger to peace.”

(Pope Paul VI)

“Working for a just distribution of the fruits of the earth is not philanthropy.

It is a moral obligation.”

(Pope Francis)

I know that we routinely search for the best bargains out there, but we rarely ask ourselves why the bargains are such bargains. Labor Day reminds us that everything associated with human labor (wealth, working conditions, economics, a fair wage, etc.) is morally usable.

Fr. Pat

“If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present....gratefully.” (Maya Angelou)



Have you visited The Clothesline Store lately? Our parish volunteers invite you to stop in and check out all of the great clothing bargains! The store is located at 4910 S. Gera Rd. in Frankenmuth and open from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-F and 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday (closed on Sunday). All are welcome!

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.

VIRTUS Training Sessions

The Diocese of Saginaw is requiring a mandatory VIRTUS re-training for any person working or volunteering in the diocese that received initial training three or more years ago. This includes parish staff members and all volunteers who have regular contact with children.

Re-training must take place by December 31, 2020 with many parishes throughout the diocese holding VIRTUS training sessions. A list of dates and locations is posted on our gathering area bulletin board. Please contact Karen Smith if you have questions. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the safety of our youth.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ August 11-17, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions	\$3,642.00
Holy Day.....	620.00
Parish Debt Retirement	60.00
Total	\$4,322.00

Weekend ~ August 17 & 18, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (161 envelopes)	\$6,521.00
Youth Contributions (2 envelopes)	7.07
Debt Retirement Fund (5 envelopes).....	100.00
Weekend Loose	967.00
Holy Day.....	1,293.00
Weekend Total	\$8,888.07

Children's stewardship notes: Mya's time ~ babysitting.

Note to envelope holders: please be sure to mark the amount on your contribution envelope each weekend. This helps makes the counting process move smoothly and assures that you are receiving accurate credit for your donations. Thank you!



To all who serve as Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion ~ please be sure to stop in the sacristy after Mass to help cleanse the vessels (part of the EMHC ministry). Many times, only one or two ministers are left to take care of things. This will only takes a few extra minutes of your time. Thank you!

Faith Formation News

Registration materials for 2019/2020 classes were mailed a couple of weeks ago to all who had a child attending classes last year. If you are new to the parish or did not receive the info, please call us. All materials must be returned by September 1.

*Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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Nurture the spiritual ~ it is important to 'take' your children to church rather than 'send' them. They need to see that it is a priority in your life if it is ever to become a priority in theirs. In church, children find people who give them reinforcement for making the right choices.

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 are interested in making 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.

Sponsor Altar Flowers

Parishioners can sponsor weekend altar flowers for Masses in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion, birthday, anniversary, etc. Two arrangements are available each weekend at \$50.00 each. Call the parish office for info.

Never let a day pass without appreciating the things that give you love, cultivating the things that give you joy, and celebrating the things that give you strength.

The highest form of wisdom is kindness.

Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday is our Luau Party at 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in honor of incoming grade 6 youth group members. Our grades 7 & 8 youth will be here to welcome everyone; our high school youth will serve as hosts and make smoothies and serve pizza. DJ Paetz will provide the music. Friends are welcome!

Thanks to all youth leaders who attended our meeting last week. It's a busy time and many were unable to come due to sports practice or work. Those who attended will share the news of what we planned, including a scavenger hunt in downtown Frankenmuth on September 15. Watch for more info.

Our junior high and high school youth will serve pizza and help with Catechetical Sunday on September 15 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All youth in grades Pre/K - 5 are invited to check out their classrooms and meet their catechist, then head to the youth room for a backpack blessing from Fr. Patrick.

Sixth grade youth will visit the youth room (because that is their classroom!). Come, relax, and enjoy some pizza while we talk about our coming school year and discipleship!

Don't forget your backpacks!

Calendars for all grade 7-12 youth events will be available in the youth room on September 15. All dates will also be posted in the coming Fall Newsletter.

More youth bibles have been ordered so that incoming freshman will get a copy. Bibles will be available in the youth room on September 15. See me if you need one!

All youth and families are invited to attend our Outdoor Mass on Sunday, September 29 at 5:30 p.m. It'll be a great way to start the week, so mark your calendars and plan to attend! Don't forget your lawn chair.



A potluck dinner will follow the Outdoor Mass, so please sign up in the youth room with your dish to pass. The parish will provide chicken and potatoes.

*Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry ~
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Hope To Those Facing Cancer

All too often we hear that someone we know is facing cancer. A friend, relative, or neighbor - or a colleague, church member, customer, patient, care receiver, or client - receives the devastating news of a cancer diagnosis. During such a difficult time, we want to reach out with support and care, to offer help and hope. But how?

A simple, powerful way is to give a copy of *Cancer - Now What?* This book from Stephen Ministries is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer. If you might be interested in this book, please call the parish office.

Donate Household Items

Thanks to all who bring in clothing and household donations for Emmaus House. All items are picked up on Monday mornings by a parish volunteer who delivers them to Saginaw.

We ask that you only bring in two bags or boxes of donations at a time per week. We cannot handle a load of garage sale "leftovers." If you have more than this or larger items, please call Emmaus House for pick up at: 755-7538.

Ease Up!

Are you living at one speed all the time: busy, busy, busy? Some of us are overextended, many of us have never learned to say no, and more than a few of us hang our self-worth on the precarious hooks of what we can accomplish.

Even Jesus took time out for retreat and recollection. When was the last time you went on retreat? Do you take the occasional night off, observe a real Sabbath rest, sit for five minutes in a quiet, empty church? Block out time on your calendar not to do, but to be with God.

Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am friendly.

It will be holy, if I am holy.
It's pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship,
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion,
charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task
of being all things that I want my parish to be.
Amen.

(adapted from Diocese of San Diego)

Catholic Women Conference

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual conference on Wednesday, September 11 at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. with a mini-retreat to follow, as well as a fashion show. Mass will be celebrated. The afternoon speaker will be Barb Smith on the topic of suicide awareness.

Cost for the day is \$15.00 which includes lunch. The event will end by 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Rita at 989-635-7072 by September 4.

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Mama Ruth Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner

Holy Apostles Parish is sponsoring their annual Mama Ruth Annual Chicken and Ham Dinner on Sunday, September 1 at the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Center, Ruth, MI from 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Adults are \$14.00, children \$7.00, and preschool age are free.

Enjoy your favorite cool refreshment on the grounds, along with games, entertainment, petting zoo, bingo, corn hole tournament and much more! Snacks will be available all afternoon and evening. Free dancing under the tent on a wooden dance floor to music by the Natural Tones and Even Steven. All are welcome!

Hospice Garage Sale

Wellspring Lutheran Services is now accepting donations of gently used items for their annual garage sale fundraiser on September 4 & 5 at Churchgrove Park in Frankenmuth.



The fundraiser will support services that are provided to hospice patients and their families. Items will be accepted through September 3 by contacting Sheila at 652-4663. Donations can be dropped off or picked up.

Peace

Free Concert!

JAM (Jesus and Music) Praise Band (from St. John Vianney Church in Saginaw) will offer a free concert on Friday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. at 6400 McCarty Rd. JAM plays music from such Christian Artists as: Steve Angrisano, Aaron Thompson, Casting Crowns, Third Day, Mercy Me, Michael W. Smith, Tom Booth, Matt Maher, Celia, Toby Mac, and many more! The concert is open to the public (and free!). Canned and boxed food donations will be accepted to support local food pantries.

