



## *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church*

*958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan  
989-652-3259*

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 9 & 10, 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.*

## This Week in Our Parish

### Monday, February 11

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

### Tuesday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes

### Wednesday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

11:00 a.m. Adult Study Group

3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes

7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

### Thursday, February 14

Memorial of Ss. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius

3:00 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 Faith Formation Classes

### Saturday, February 16

4:00 p.m. Individual Reconciliation until 4:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, February 17

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word;  
FF3's, FF'4s & Kindergarten Classes

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Visits Covenant Glen



## Scripture Readings for February 16 & 17, 2019

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20    Luke 6:17, 20-26

## Ministry Schedule

Altar Servers, Greeters, and Lectors are asked to let us know if there are any dates during the months of March, April, or May that you are unable to serve in your respective ministry. The new schedule will be mailed before the end of February. Please email your info to Lori at: [lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org](mailto:lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org) by Monday, February 18. Thank you!

## Hospitality Ministry Schedule

Hospitality Ministers who have scheduling conflicts during the months of March, April, or May should contact Jim Williams by February 16 by phone: 989-239-3472 or email: [jim.williams@avispl.com](mailto:jim.williams@avispl.com). Thank you!

Our problems are large,  
our hearts are larger.

(George H.W. Bush)

## 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](mailto:lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org).

## 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.

## Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator

God continues to bless us with four seasons of weather in one week! Monday, I ran the walking/bike paths of the Huron River Metro Park before the afternoon rains hit. Tuesday, I traveled to Beal City for the funeral of Joanne Smith, wife of Deacon Mike Smith. While riding in the car and viewing the countryside, our conversations included how everything pointed to Spring and it seemed more like the end of April than early February. We hadn't forgotten the forecast for more ice and snow, and as Fr. T.J. promised, we had another Wednesday with no school and no morning Mass or Word & Communion Service. God certainly has a sense of humor!

We have been working for some time with a vendor to provide a new security system for Blessed Trinity. After several months of reviewing options, installation will begin this week. The new system will tie in with our current alarm system, eliminate the need for key access to the building (key fobs will be used for this purpose and also for temporary use like rental of the social hall), provide for a more secure facility, video monitoring, and connection to our computer system. This will provide a safer environment for staff during the day, especially when only one or two people are in the building. I'm sure it will take some getting used to, so please be patient with us as we familiarize ourselves with it together.

Many times we may see landmarks or monuments that go by different names. The Sears Tower in Chicago, for example, was sold in 2009 and re-named the Willis Tower by the new owners. I'm not sure the directions you may be given if trying to find your way there. Many stadiums, for example, sell their naming rights and can be difficult to follow or identify. In our Gospel reading this weekend, Jesus appears at Lake Gennesaret. If this doesn't sound familiar, it's also known as the Sea of Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee. This setting provides for a familiar reading from Luke, telling us (in part) about Simon, who was Simon Peter prior to Jesus naming him Peter. This was not the first time Simon met Jesus.

Prior to this story, we find in Luke that Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law. After witnessing two signs from Jesus, we get a better idea why he responded the way he did. He felt unworthy, sinful and humiliated. Jesus responds with the famous reply, "*Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.*" Think about that one moment in time; how powerful it is and the same time the level of anxiety of that statement. They left everything and followed him.

Jesus always reaches out to the lowly, weak and needy. He fills their hearts and souls with His love and compassion, enabling them and us to carry out His mission....our mission....offering the Good News of the Lord. What are we willing to do differently to follow Jesus and the way of the cross?

*Deacon Larry Deford*

*this week's sanctuary candle*

*is sponsored by*

*Kevin & Carol Maurer*

*in loving memory of*

*Sue Jarosz*

### The Bishop's Annual "Big Raffle"

Blessed Trinity's Men's Club are selling tickets for the BIG Raffle before and after all weekend Masses on coming weekends. Tickets are \$5.00 each with a portion of the sales price coming back to benefit the Men's Club Scholarship Fund and other projects. The raffle drawing will be held on March 14, 2019. Prizes include:

**2019 Chevrolet Spark or \$10,000 cash (grand prize)**  
**\$5,000 home improvement project (2nd prize)**  
**airfare for two to anywhere in the continental USA (3rd prize)**  
**Apple iPad (4th prize)**  
**Laptop computer (5th prize)**

Any parishioners interested in selling tickets can check with a Men's Club member after Mass for more info.

*Listen with the ears of your heart.*

## Thoughts from our Sacramental Minister

Greetings from your Sacramental Minister! I would like to share a few things with you this week:

- ◆ I am currently on vacation and will be back on February 13. I have always tried to take a week off during the winter season, because I like winter and snow (I hope to go snowshoeing if there is adequate snow). I'm not much of a traveler, so I am staying right around my Merrill home (I am known as a homebody!).
- ◆ I am gone this weekend, so I have asked Fr. Jose Cabrera to celebrate Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass with you. Fr. Thom Kowalczyk will be here on Sunday to celebrate both Masses with you. You are in good hands!
- ◆ All priests are required to attend an annual retreat. I will be attending the Saginaw Diocese Priest's Retreat from February 17 - 21. While I am at this gathering, I will keep all of you in my prayers.
- ◆ Deacon Larry will offer a Word & Communion Service on Wednesday, February 20 while I am away.

**To answer the question.....why am I here as a Sacramental Minister?** This question arises, I believe, from the fact that I have been a priest of the Saginaw Diocese for 33 years, and now I am serving Blessed Trinity Parish as a Sacramental Minister. Here, I share my situation with you.

The last five months of 2018, I was on sick leave. I was at the St. John Vianney Center in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, diagnosed with total burnout. Burnout affects one's mental being. Physically, I am fine, but mentally, I am still healing. It will take time to fully recover.

I am in a one-year program where I meet weekly with my therapist and monthly with my support team as a whole. I also meet monthly with my Spiritual Director and with my Confessor. The purpose of this year is to slowly acclimate me back into public ministry. I ask for your continued prayers.

*Fr. T.J. Fleming*

## Faith Formation News

Our grade 2 students and their parents will meet today/Sunday from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. to learn more about the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You might wonder what cooking oil, gasoline, Chrism Oil, and hand lotion have in common. The answer is OIL! And you might ask what oil has to do with Confirmation.

During the Confirmation Liturgy, the Bishop or his representative (this year it will be Regional Vicar, Fr. Pete Gaspeny) anoints the children with Chrism Oil. Fr. Pete will ask the Holy Spirit to bless the children and strengthen them in their faith. We might remember our Confirmation when we see others anointed with Chrism. May the Holy Spirit renew us in our faith and revive our spirits during these dark winter days!

At today's gathering, the students will learn all about the use of Chrism Oil in the sacrament of Confirmation. Other activities include a Holy Spirit race and a Holy Spirit snack. We also have seven mystery boxes for them to explore while they learn about the Gifts of the Spirit.

On February 19, our grade 3 students will travel to Medilodge of Frankenmuth to visit with the residents from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Parents should please check your child's folder for the permission slip and return it ASAP. If you are able to help by driving and chaperoning, please return that form as well. And please remember to send one package of store-bought cookies for your child to share at Medilodge.

*Pam Daily*  
Coordinator of Faith Formation  
[pdaily@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org](mailto:pdaily@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org)

**Note to parents who pick up their child from Faith Formation Classes: the orange cones blocking the circle drive are there for a reason. We have had many close calls with cars pulling in as children are released from classes. Please do not drive around the cones and park in front of the building to retrieve your child. We ask that you park in the designated parking spaces and either wait for your child to come to you, or you can come into the building to meet your child. Safety is first. Thank you.**





## Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday is our "Girls Night In" youth event for ladies in grades 7-12. Young Adult Leader, Jen Harris will lead this special night from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. See you there!

I am still working on a date and a young adult leader for a soon-to-be scheduled "Guys Night In."

A postcard with February events and happenings went out during last week's 'Snowmageddon.' If you didn't receive one, please contact me.

Our next all-youth event will take place on Sunday, February 17 at Covenant Glen from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Please get dropped off there and picked up at McDonald's of Frankenmuth. Remember to bring a small box of Valentine's Day candy for Covenant Glen residents.

A huge thank you to all parishioners for donating to last week's 'Soup-er' Bowl Collection. Thanks to all youth who helped collect donations and to all youth who stopped in the youth room for a cookie and game predictions. (see pictures at left)

Luke McCallum and Seth Messing were prediction winners and will receive gift cards. The biggest winner of the day was Saginaw's East Side Soup Kitchen with donations from BT of \$800.00+. Thank you to all!

I need 2019 graduate pictures ASAP.

Thanks to Faith Formation Commission members Pam Daily and Selena Friend who helped me pack college care packages last Sunday.

If you see our youth wearing their awesome 'FAITH' shirts and would like one, please contact me!

**Ben Cleveland ~ are you reading the bulletin? If so, contact me for your gift card!**

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry  
krcramer@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

## 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.

## 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.

Be the change you wish to see.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ January 20 - 26, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions.....	\$1,425.00
Parish Debt Retirement.....	65.00
Total.....	\$1,490.00

On-line Giving ~ January 27 - February 2, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions.....	\$2,00.00
Parish Debt Retirement.....	45.00
Total.....	\$2,045.00

Weekend ~ February 2 & 3, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (167 envelopes) .....	\$6,993.00
Children's Contributions (6 envelopes) .....	7.43
Weekend Loose .....	608.00
Parish Development Fund (5 envelopes) .....	110.00
Weekend Total .....	\$7,718.43

Children's Stewardship Messages: Jack's talent ~ helping dad; Natalie's time ~ shared; Emma's time ~ helped mom; Mya's talent ~ dance; Keegan's time ~ watched the dog.

Thank You, Blessed Trinity

With your recent gift to LifeClinic Community Resources, you answered the question, "Who is my neighbor?" and we appreciate you.

Your neighbor is the young woman who is afraid of an unplanned pregnancy; a family needing parenting education and material support; a woman suffering from sexual trauma or a past abortion; or a pre-born child, silently wanting someone to care for him/her. Thank you for your gift. You are making a difference.

Lori Drake, Executive Director  
LifeClinic Community Resources

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Thank you for your generous donation for the Mothers Milk Program and building projects for the needs of villages in the town of Lukulu. Your kindness and generosity is a true example of the love that you have for God's children.

Tom Slivinski  
Love for Lukulu and Beyond

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Thank you for your generous \$2,000.00 donation to the Old Town Christian Outreach Baby Pantry! This donation will help purchase diapers, bottles, clothes, blankets and baby furniture for new moms in need.

Sheryl, Sue, Kathy,  
and Volunteer Moms  
Old Town Baby Pantry

Mark your calendars!

**PARISH MARDI GRAS PARTY**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 5th</b>	<b>Place:</b> Parish Social Hall	<b>Time:</b> 6-8pm
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Fellowship  
Play cards and games  
POTLUCK—  
Get ready to fast during Lent. Bring your favorite dish to share.  
Crafts  
"Selfie" Photo Booth

Our sponsor of the week is:

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*Discern Dominican Life*

The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite Catholic women, ages 25-35, to 'come and see' what life as an Adrian Dominican Sister could be like for them. A weekend gathering is offered at Weber Retreat and Conference Center on March 1-3.

Participants have the opportunity to meet others who are discerning God's call in their lives, celebrate Sunday Liturgy with the Sisters, tour the Motherhouse campus, and engage in conversation with the Sisters. For more info, call 517-266-3532.

*"Christ Renews" Men's Retreat*

All parish men are invited to the "Christ Renews" Weekend Retreat on March 9 & 10 at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Midland, MI. This weekend retreat has been helping men find peace and deepen their relationship with Christ for over 25 years. This brief time spent on your spiritual growth will be invaluable for years to come. Listen and learn from other men that are working through the same challenges.

This is not an overnight retreat. Participants will return to their homes for a good night's rest and rejoin us Sunday morning. Retreat applications and more information are available from Deacon Larry Deford.

*Prayer Partners Needed*

CrossRoads Counseling Ministries enlists the help of Christians to become 'prayer partners' for each of our clients. The prayer partner and the client will never know who the other is. Since our ministry is growing, we are in need of your help.

Each client or the counselor for the client fills out a prayer request which is mailed to the designated prayer partner. The prayer partner then can send a card of encouragement to the client through CrossRoads, or just simply pray for the person.

If you are interested in being part of such a ministry or would like more info, please call Wanda at 652-0764.

*Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

Marriage Encounter weekends will be held on March 15-17 at St. Francis Retreat Center -Dewitt. Apply online at: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).