

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 10 & 11, 2018



*"If you wish,
you can make me clean."*

Blessed Trinity 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.*

Worship in Our Parish Liturgical Calendar

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

12:00 noon Mass with Ashes

7:00 p.m. Mass with Ashes

Thursday, February 15

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

10:30 a.m. Mass at Covenant Glen

Friday, February 16

10:30 a.m. Mass at Independence Village

Saturday, February 17

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 18 ~ First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass



Let all that you do be done in love.

Your Help Is Needed

- ◆ Volunteers are needed to help enhance our church space and gathering area for Lent and Easter. Various duties include: hanging fabric, placing items on the altar, moving plants, and helping "decorate" our beautiful church.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed during the Easter season to water the many flowered plants that will be placed in church and the gathering area. This ministry would take about 1/2 hour of your time per watering.

If you are interested in helping in one of the above ministries, please call the parish office at 652-3259 or email: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org.

Scripture Readings for February 17 & 18, 2018

Genesis 9:8-15

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Event Schedule

Tuesday, February 13

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

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

3:00 p.m. Grade 3 Visits Medilodge

Wednesday, February 14

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

Thursday, February 15

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

6:00 p.m. Preparation of Church Spaces for Lent

Friday, February 16

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saturday, February 17

11:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, February 18

11:00 a.m. FF3's, FF4's, and Kindergarten Classes

Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Pretzel Roll Event

General Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ offered on Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. A special schedule of opportunities is available during Advent and Lent, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism ~ Baptisms are celebrated regularly, except during Lent. Call the parish office for pre-Baptism class information.

To Become a Catholic ~ Adults interested in learning about the Catholic faith are invited to call the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage ~ Please contact the pastor before setting a wedding date. Six months are required for preparation.

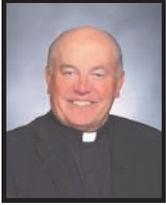
Anointing of the Sick ~ A communal celebration is celebrated in October. Individual anointing is available whenever requested.

Ministry to the Sick and Elderly ~ When entering a hospital, please register as a member of Blessed Trinity Parish. When confined at home, please contact our parish office.

New Parishioners ~ We welcome you to Blessed Trinity. If you wish to join our community, please contact the parish office for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Submission Deadline ~ Text and pictures for the bulletin should be emailed by 12:00 noon on Monday each week to Parish Secretary Lori Snyder at: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org.

**To make a difference in someone's life, you don't
have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect.
You just have to care.**



Notes From Our Pastor

This week we celebrated funeral rites at Blessed Trinity for **Patrice Becker**. Patrice died on February 1 here in Frankenmuth at the age of 67. Our prayers and condolences go out to Ed and Amanda and all of Patrice's family and friends.

Susie Kociba, mother of parishioner Eugene Kociba, died on February 3 in Bad Axe at the age of 98. The funeral was celebrated at St. Hubert Parish in Bad Axe on Tuesday, February 6. Our prayers and condolences go out to Eugene and all of the Kociba family.

May Patrice and Susie rejoice in God's eternal peace with all of our departed loved ones.

I was a bit off in my prediction of the final score but I picked the winning team in last Sunday's **Super Bowl**. This was the first time that I can remember watching a Super Bowl game from beginning to end (except for the times when the Spectrum TV connection was breaking down and I couldn't see anything on the screen). It was a very entertaining game.

There has been no further word from the Diocese of Saginaw regarding **Bishop Cistone's** physical condition. I know that his spirits were lifted by the result of the Super Bowl – he has been a life-long fan of the Eagles. Please keep praying for him.

The **Parish Newsletter for Lent and Easter** is filled with information about our parish schedule for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Please take a few minutes and read through the many options for prayer and works of charity during Lent and then choose to do something extra in these coming weeks. It will make a difference in your life.

Fr. Bob Byrne

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ January 28 - February 3, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$2,960.00
Parish Debt Retirement	95.00
Total	\$3,055.00

Weekend ~ February 3 & 4, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (154 envelopes)	\$6,771.00
Weekend Loose	595.00
Children's Contributions (2 envelopes)	2.00
Parish Debt Retirement (2 envelopes)	30.00
Weekend Total	\$7,398.20

Children's stewardship notes: Sydney's time ~ emptied the dishwasher; Wade's time ~ helped cut down a tree.

Ministry Scheduling

If you are an altar server, lector, or greeter and have conflicts with serving any dates in the months of March - May, please email: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org or call 652-3259.

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are sponsored by
Jane Kamrad
in commemoration of her
wedding anniversary date

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Youth Ministry News

A special Lenten evening is planned for youth and families tonight/Sunday at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Parishioner and former art teacher, Kathie Mates, will guide us in creating a Lenten collage to take home. High school leaders Courtney Aldrich and Anthony Harris will lead tonight's opening and closing prayers. All are invited for fun, food, crafting, and prayer! Begin this Lenten season by spending it with your faith community.

Next Sunday, February 18, we will continue our Lenten journey as youth in grades 7-12 will meet at the Weiss Farm, 5450 Weiss Rd. for a Pretzel Roll Event from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Parents should drop off and pick up at the above address and times. We'll roll pretzels, eat some, and take some home, while discussing the significance of the pretzel. Cost is just \$2.00 and friends are welcome. Please RSVP to me at 989-274-5662 by February 15.



BT youth had another successful 'SOUP'er Bowl collection last weekend with donations of \$900.00! These funds will benefit the East Side Soup Kitchen - the real winners! See the pictures to the left of this column of those who helped collect donations, the Boy Scouts who served as greeters for Scout Sunday, and youth who guessed the Super Bowl score while enjoying a treat!

A social was also celebrated in the youth room where all youth had an opportunity to predict the Super Bowl winner. Frankie Ayala won with a guess of 42-35 score. Frankie wins a McDonald's gift card for his close guess. Thanks to all who participated in the fun!

I need pictures from our 2018 high school graduates for the senior video. Please contact me if you have questions. Get your pictures turned in!

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

Hospitality Minister News

Ash Wednesday is on February 14. Hospitality Ministers are asked to assist at the Mass you plan to attend (four volunteers are needed at each service).

A new hospitality ministry schedule will be mailed to all in mid-February.

Hospitality Ministers are asked to sign up in the gathering area to serve for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday (five volunteers are needed at each service).

Jim Williams ~ Hospitality Minister Coordinator
 jim.williams@avispl.com

LENTEN ACTIVITY NIGHT

Sunday, February 11, 2018
at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

In preparation for Lent, Blessed Trinity's Faith Formation Commission will sponsor a Lenten Activity Night in the parish social hall for youth, families, singles, and retired parish members.

Parishioner Kathie Mates will guide you in creating a unique Lenten Collage which you will be able to take home that evening. Join us for an evening of prayer, fun, crafts, food, and beverages! All are welcome!

Questions?
call the parish at 652-3259
or email Kathy Cramer at:
kcramer@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

Faith Formation News

Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day are on the same day this year, and you can blame the moon for that! Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season that prepares us for Easter.

We get ashes on our foreheads to remind us that we belong to God. Ashes are in the shape of a cross because we are saved from our sins by Jesus' cross and resurrection. During Lent we step up our Christian practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We might give up treats and give the money to the poor, for example.

Lent is 40 days long because that's an important number for Christians. We remember that Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert to prepare for His ministry.

So why not just move Ash Wednesday to Thursday? That's where the moon comes in. It helps us figure out when Easter is. We do not know the exact date of Jesus' resurrection, but the Bible tells us it was on a Sunday at the Jewish Feast of Passover in springtime.



Many years ago, Church leaders decided that Easter Sunday would be celebrated every year on the first full moon after the first day of Spring. This year, Easter falls on April 1 (and that's no joke!). Counting 40 days back from Holy Saturday (skipping Sundays because they are not part of our Lenten fast), we arrive at Ash Wednesday, February 14 (a day we show love for others).

Lent is also all about love - especially loving those who many consider outcasts and outsiders such as the lepers in today's Gospel. As a family, discuss how your family will show love and kindness to others this Lent.

On Tuesday, February 13 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. our grade 3 children will travel to Medilodge of Frankenmuth to share their love and kindness. Parent and grandparent drivers should arrive at church by 3:00 p.m. Children are reminded to bring one package of store-purchased cookies to share with residents.

Carol Fox ~ Director of Faith Formation
cfox@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

Bishop's BIG Raffle

Blessed Trinity's Men's Club will be selling tickets for the Bishop's BIG Raffle before and after Masses on the coming weekends. Tickets are \$5.00 each with sales benefitting the Men's Club Scholarship Fund and other projects. The raffle drawing will be held on March 15. Prizes include:

- ◆ **Grand Prize ~ 2018 Chevrolet Spark or \$10,000 cash**
- ◆ **2nd Prize ~ \$5,000.00 Home Improvement Project**
- ◆ **3rd Prize ~ Airfare for two to anywhere in the USA**
- ◆ **4th Prize ~ Apple iPad**
- ◆ **5th Prize ~ Laptop Computer**

Any parishioner who would like to sign out extra tickets to sell to family, friends or coworkers can check with us after Mass or call the parish office for info.



Parish Lenten Service Project

Our parish family will collect items throughout Lent that will be given to various community organizations:

- ◆ Hope Totes ~ to benefit the Saginaw Rescue Mission; pick up a purple shopping bag from the gathering area and fill it with the needed items; return to the parish.
- ◆ Migrant Worker Collection ~ this year we will again focus on a few specific items that are most needed for the migrant workers. A list of items will be printed in next week's bulletin.
- ◆ Personal Care Items for Food Pantries: folks are often unable to get toilet paper, tissue, feminine hygiene products, or diapers; we will collect such items for local food pantries. A list of needed items will be printed in next week's bulletin.

Get Tickets to *Oliver! The Musical*

The Frankenmuth Community Players presents the play **Oliver! The Musical** on February 15, 16 & 17 at 7:00 p.m. and February 18 at 3:00 p.m. at the Bronner Performing Arts Center at FHS.

Many BT parishioners are involved in the play, including Joey Furbush, Anthony Harris, Brad and Emma Maki, Eric, Lauren, and Jake Pattok, Frankie Ayala-Perez, Sophie Nedoff, and Olivia Martuch.

Tickets are available by calling 652-5008.

Adam Prime in Concert

Air Advantage presents Adam Prime in concert to benefit Make-A-Wish Michigan on March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bronner Performing Arts Center.



Prime, a talented and entertaining vocalist, will be accompanied by bandmates on piano, drums, bass, and guitar. His vocal style is reminiscent of a mix of Frank Sinatra, Michael Buble, and Josh Groban.

All proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish Michigan, an organization that makes wishes come true for children with serious medical issues. Tickets are \$20.00 each and available for purchase at Wickson Memorial Library.

Sponsor Sanctuary Lamp

Parishioners are invited to make an offering for the candles used in the sanctuary lamp. This is the red lamp that burns 24/7 before the tabernacle, reminding 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. Each candle burns for seven days and 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 (names will be printed in the bulletin for the designated week).

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 Mass on the weekend, be sure to write your prayer intentions in the Book of Life in the back of church.



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, email or call Carol Maurer at: cmaurer@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org or 652-3259.

Putting on kindness: don't let your character be shaped by the attitude of others around you. If someone is unkind, respond with kindness. If someone is getting on your nerves, be patient. There are times when we must draw healthy boundaries, but let us pray that we use wisdom in doing so. Don't give up on people too quickly. Keep your eye on Christ at all times. He is the one leading the dance. He's the one we take our cue from.

Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit

The Center for Ministry in Saginaw will host the national Shroud of Turn Replica Exhibit from February 17 -25. For information on this spiritually powerful experience, visit the events calendar at: www.saginaw.org.

Opioid-Abuse Epidemic Myths and Realities

William Gutzwiller, Essexville Chief of Police, will explore the myths and realities of the Opioid-Abuse Epidemic on Tuesday, February 20 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Frankenmuth United Methodist Church. This presentation is sponsored by the Stephen Ministry of FUMC and St. Martin Lutheran and is open to adults as well as high school students. No reservations are necessary for this free event.

K of C Casino Trip Fundraiser

The Birch Run/Frankenmuth Knights of Columbus group is planning a Casino Trip Fundraiser on Monday, March 12. The bus leaves the K of C Hall in Birch Run at 8:30 a.m., will stop and pick up folks in Bay City at 9:00 a.m., spend 3 hours at Saganing Eagles Casino in Standish, then 4 1/2 hours at Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant. The bus should return to Birch Run around 8:00 p.m.

Cost is \$50.00 per person. For more info and to reserve your seat on the bus, see the flyer on the gathering area bulletin board.

Help and 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.