



He remained in the desert....tempted by Satan.



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

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First Sunday of Lent ~ February 17 & 18, 2018

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 20

8:30 a.m. Mass
1:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 21

Memorial of St. Peter Damian
8:30 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service

Thursday, February 22

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Rosary



Friday, February 23

Memorial of St. Polycarp

Saturday, February 24

4:00 p.m. Individual Reconciliation to 4:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass

Scripture Readings for February 24 & 25, 2018

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

Event Schedule

Tuesday, February 20

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, February 21

3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal/Social
8:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saturday, February 24

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

Sunday, February 25

11:00 a.m. FF3's, FF4's, and Kindergarten Classes
Children's Liturgy of the Word
1:00 p.m. Worship Commission Meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Stewardship Corner - Help 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.

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.

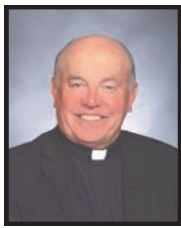
Anointing of the Sick ~ A communal celebration is celebrated in October. Individual anointing is available whenever requested.

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.





Notes From Our Pastor

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of **Stanley Dombrowski**, father of parishioner Debbie Pietzak. Stanley died on February 10 in Garden City, Michigan. The funeral was celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Garden City. May Stanley and all of our departed parishioners and loved ones rejoice in God's eternal peace.

For **Valentine's Day** this past week, the younger children in our Faith Formation classes wrote special cards for me. Each of them wrote on the card what I do at Mass that they love. Two comments were written on many of the cards: they love when I sing at Mass (especially the blessings) and when I laugh and make them laugh (especially during the announcements). The kids have things in the proper perspective – singing and laughing make my day as well.

There are lots of activities to choose from during this season of Lent but I want to add a special word of encouragement for our adult parish members to attend the **Wednesday evening prayer services** at Blessed Trinity and at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church. The full schedule is printed in the parish newsletter and reminders are printed in the bulletin each week.

There are a number of different formats used at these services but all of them include hymns and reading from the Scripture. There will be preaching at three of the evenings: several parish members from BTC and FUMC will speak about their faith at the service on February 28, Pastor Mark Karls will speak here at BTC on March 7, I will be speaking on March 14 at FUMC. Each of the services will last about an hour.

A simple meal is available at 6:00 p.m. before the first four services. There is no charge for the meals but donations are accepted. Any donations made at Blessed Trinity will go to the East Side Soup Kitchen in Saginaw. After a busy day, it is very nice to sit down for a few minutes with friends and neighbors and share food and conversation before we pray together.

Some parishioners may only be able to come to one of these services, some may be able to attend all five. Whether you attend one or all of them, you will be blessed by the experience.

Fr. Bob Byrne

*Lent is the autumn of the spiritual life during which we gather fruit to keep us going for the rest of the year.
(St. Francis de Sales)*

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ February 4 - 10, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,290.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Total	\$1,295.00

Weekend ~ February 10 & 11, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (142 envelopes)	\$8,381.00
Weekend Loose	470.00
Children's Contributions (2 envelopes)	2.00
Parish Debt Retirement (3 envelopes)	30.00
Weekend Total.....	\$8,830.00

Children's stewardship notes: Wyatt's talent ~ shoveled snow; Mya's time ~ babysitting.



*our sanctuary candle
will burn this week
in loving memory of
Zellie Horn
from the Horn family*

Faith Formation News

In today's Gospel, the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the desert where he fasted and prayed for 40 days and nights so that he would be ready for his work in the world. The accounts of Jesus in the desert set the stage for Lent.

Fasting is an important part of our Catholic observance of Lent. Children are not expected or obliged to fast during Lent, and neither are those who are ill or have other health concerns. However, many Catholic children choose to "give up" something for Lent or spend time doing good works.

Set aside time one night during Lent to remember the Baptism celebrations of your family members. If possible, pull out family photos and mementos of each family member's Baptism (the candle, white outfit worn, Baptismal certificate, etc.) to reaffirm what this sacrament means in our lives today.



Some families might want to create a Lenten prayer space at home by decorating with the color of purple. Add palm branches, a container of sand, a crucifix, and other reminders of Lent. Involve your children when preparing and decorating this space.

Our students should have brought home a "STRENGTH" bracelet, Lenten Purple Book, Lenten Offering Box, and a Hope Tote (to fill for the Saginaw Rescue Mission). More of these items are available during Lent if needed.

May everyone be blessed with "STRENGTH" for the Lenten journey!

Carol Fox ~ Director of Faith Formation
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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.



New altar server, Ethan Edwards (pictured with Fr. Bob) did a great job at last Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to come to our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on all Tuesdays during 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.



Hospitality Minister News

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

Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday is another fun evening for our grades 7-12 youth. Please meet at the Weiss Farm, 5450 Weiss Rd. at 6:30 p.m. for a Pretzel Rolling Event. Cost is just \$2.00 each and friends are welcome. We'll finish by 8:00 p.m. RSVP to me by Saturday, February 17.

Our Lenten Family Evening was cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled. Stay tuned for more information!

Our Cardboard City team will meet in early March to plan this event. Plan ahead and start looking for your "home" (cardboard box) now! Young adult leader Chandler Lail will lead the way.

On Sunday, March 4, we'll have a study night for all grades 7-12 youth and also hear from high school leaders Courtney Aldrich and Anthony Harris. They will discuss a break-out session that they attended at NCYC.

Last year we started something new with our youth: Guys Night In and Girls Night In. Our Guys Night In will be held on Sunday, March 11 with young adult leader Josh Treib. The evening's theme will be "In His Image." Mark your calendars and plan to attend; all high school guys are welcome!

2018 BT grad pictures are needed for the senior video. Contact me with questions.

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Thank You

Thank you to all who sent condolences on the loss of my mom and get well wishes for my surgery. I was overwhelmed by your love and support. I must admit, my hip is healing quicker than my heart.

Our family has always said that when we walk through the doors of Blessed Trinity Church, we feel like we're coming home. I truly love you all!

Kathy Haney

Men's Club Family Breakfast Sunday, March 4, 2018 10:00 a.m. ~ social hall

All are welcome! There is no charge for the breakfast. We ask that you bring a donation of a non-perishable boxed or canned food item or toiletry item to support the Vas-sar Food Pantry.



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 benefiting 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.

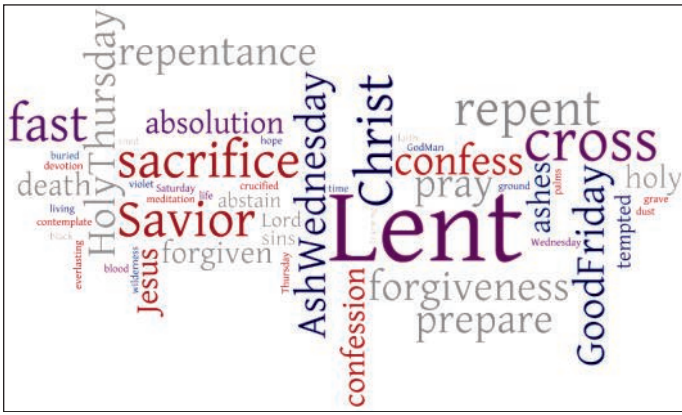
God is everywhere. So pray anywhere.



Our sponsor of the week is: **Century 21**

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 Please patronize our sponsors.
 They make the bulletin possible.

Don't let yesterday take up too much of today.



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.



God of all peoples, as we look ahead to our Lenten journey,
 may our fasting be a hunger for justice,
 our alms an offering of peace,
 and our prayers a reflection of humble and grateful hearts.

We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us as we spend
 these 40 days reflecting on what it means to be companions
 on the journey to encounter our global human family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
 one God forever and ever. Amen.



Fr. Bob poses with Justin, Jena, Charlie & Jack Hollis. They were visiting Frankenmuth last weekend and were very pleased to receive an anniversary blessing at Mass from Fr. Bob.



Blessed Trinity Boy Scouts and their leaders received a blessing from Fr. Bob and the parish community on Scout Sunday, February 4.

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.

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 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.



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.

Lenten Retreat for Women

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women offer a Lenten Retreat Day for all diocesan women on Saturday, March 10 at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. Retreat leader will be Sr. Patricia Benson, OP.

Cost for the day is \$25 and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, confession, Mass, rosary, and Stations of the Cross from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. RSVP to Rita at 989-635-7072 by March 2.