



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

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Second Sunday of Lent ~ February 24 & 25, 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 27

1:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service at FUMC

Friday, March 2

10:30 a.m. Mass at Wellspring

Saturday, March 3

Memorial of St. Katharine Drexel

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 4

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass



Scripture Readings for March 3 & 4, 2018

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

Event Schedule

Tuesday, February 27

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

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

Wednesday, February 28

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

6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal/Social at FUMC

Thursday, March 1

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

Friday, March 2

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saturday, March 3

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

Sunday, March 4

10:00 a.m. Men's Club Family Breakfast

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Gathering

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.

*I will be, I will be,
I will be strength for the journey.*

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.

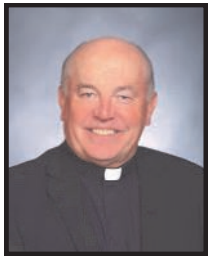
Anointing of the Sick ~ A communal celebration is celebrated in October. Individual anointing is available whenever requested.

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

On Wednesday of this past week I participated in the funeral Mass for **Fr. Emmet Marceau**. He ministered as a priest in our diocese for many years and has been retired for the past eight years or so. Fr. Emmet grew up in Alpena where his parents operated a bakery. He never talked about his French heritage but he will be remembered for his thick mustache – that always made him look French to me. May he rejoice in God's eternal peace.

I will be attending the retreat for priests this week at the Diocese of Saginaw Center for Ministry. The retreat will be led by **Bishop Robert Lynch**, retired bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg in Florida. For many years, Bishop Lynch shared his thoughts in a monthly blog that was read by me and many others. He wrote very honestly about the joys and sorrows of his ministry as a bishop. He stopped writing the blog when he retired so I am looking forward to hearing his reflections next week.

This week I want to highlight one of the opportunities for prayer offered at our parish during the season of Lent. On Tuesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. there is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** in the day chapel. During this hour, a consecrated host is placed in a special vessel (called a "monstrance") so that we can look upon this sacrament of the Risen Christ who is present with us through the Holy Eucharist.

All are welcome to stop at the chapel for a few minutes of prayer and thanksgiving or to stay for the whole hour. Some people like to read or say special prayers during their visit while others simply like to sit or kneel in silence, allowing the Lord to speak to their hearts of his love and his mercy. We live in a busy and noisy world today – a few minutes of silence in the loving presence of Our Savior is precious food for the soul!

Wednesday Evening Prayer this week (February 28) will be held at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church. A Lenten meal is available, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The service will start at 7:00 p.m. Part of the service this week will be sharing about faith by four members of our two churches – two from FUMC and two from BTC. All are welcome to be nourished by a meal with our neighbors and our prayer together.

Fr. Bob Byrne

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ February 11 - 17, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$3,470.00
Parish Debt Retirement	160.00
Total	\$3,630.00

Weekend ~ February 17 & 18, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (190 envelopes)	\$11,043.00
Weekend Loose	965.00
Children's Contributions (2 envelopes)	2.99
Parish Debt Retirement (7 envelopes)	2,205.00
Weekend Total.....	\$14,215.99

Children's stewardship notes: Sydney's talent ~ dancing.

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.

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come, neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Youth Ministry News

I hope all youth enjoy their winter break from school this weekend!

We will gather on Sunday, March 4 for our annual Study Night. Bring your homework or anything you need to work on. Senior Leaders Courtney Aldrich and Anthony Harris will share information on an NCYC break-out session that they attended.

Thanks to all who attended last Sunday's Pretzel Roll Event. We had quite a lively group! Host Joanmarie Weiss offered a presentation on the pretzel and how it connected to our Catholic faith and the season of Lent. Everyone enjoyed their creations and took some pretzels home. It was a fun night!

"Guy's Night In" for our grades 7-12 youth will take place on March 11. Josh Treib will be home from college on his spring break and is making time to lead this event with the theme of "in his image."

"Girl's Night In" will be held on April 15.

Our Cardboard City planning team will meet after our March 4 gathering. We look forward to a great event with lots of youth participation. Watch for more info in the bulletin, posted in the youth room, and on the BTC-Youth Facebook page.

2018 BT graduates needed to turn in their pictures for the senior video. Contact me with questions.

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Parish Lenten Service Project

Our parish family will collect items throughout Lent that will be given to various community organizations. Check out the table displays set up in the gathering area for more information on these Christian Service efforts:

- ◆ 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.



**Pretzel-making
is fun!**



Faith Formation News

Today's Gospel story of the Transfiguration describes how all of our lives will be transformed or changed by the power of Jesus' death and resurrection on Easter Sunday. It also teaches us that Jesus has two natures - both human and divine.

Our lessons this week focused on growth and change (transformation) as signs of God's life in us and all around us. Talk with your child about how he or she has grown or changed over the past year. Talk, too, about how your child is growing in love of God by learning prayers, attending to church, and planning Lenten activities as a family.

Pray together as a family often during Lent for the special needs of your family, for school or work, and for the whole world. Children are reminded to complete a page in their little Purple Book and mark their Lenten calendar each day.

Parents are reminded to return their child's permission slip for the following Lenten stewardship trips:

- ⇒ Grade 4 visit to Medilodge on Tuesday, March 6 at 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. (parent chaperones needed)
- ⇒ Grade 5 visit to Saginaw Rescue Mission on Wednesday, March 7 at 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (parent chaperones needed); NOTE RETURN TIME

Carol Fox ~ Director of Faith Formation
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Get Out of Your Comfort Zone This Lent



The desert is a great place to encounter the Holy, as a long tradition of desert fathers and mothers attest. But the desert's a traditional place to make intimate acquaintance with your demons as well - which is another reason Jesus and generations of his followers, made friends with cacti.

It's also why we symbolically enter the Lenten desert each year, fasting, praying, and giving alms. We allow the normal lifestyle padding to wear a little thinner and feel our vulnerable spots with more clarity.

Make a commitment this Lent to explore your limits. Bring an extra supply of humility!

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.

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 Vassar 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

Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Greeters can sign up in the gathering area to serve for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Thank you for sharing your ministry with us!



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).



Thank You, Blessed Trinity

On behalf of the 299 persons with disabilities who received gift cards in December through the First Choice project, thank you so much for your generous support of this important project in 2017. Your direct contribution made a significant difference in an individual's quality of life here in Saginaw.

First Choice of Saginaw Committee



Thank you so much for your generosity toward people who need God's love. Because of you, missionaries are sharing the good news of Jesus, feeding the hungry, and embracing people forgotten by others. Thank you for showing such kindness and compassion in Jesus' name.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Our sponsor of the week is:

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How Can I Be of Service?

Imagine if seven of the leading citizens of New York, London, or Paris suddenly left it all behind and headed to the hills to dedicate their lives to God. That is how the Servite Order was founded in 13th-century Florence, a city flourishing with culture, trade, and political and religious intrigue.

In 1240, seven noblemen of the city decided to withdraw from urban life to a solitary place for prayer and service to God. In their monastery they led a life of prayer, work, and silence while in the active apostolate they engaged in parish work, teaching, preaching, and other ministries.

God calls all of us to service and prayer; at the end of the day, these are the actions that ennoble us all. How will you serve?



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.



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.

Fish Fry



Knights of Columbus #4102 will sponsor a Fish Fry on Friday, March 9 and their hall at 360 S. River Rd. in Bay City. The menu includes all-you-can-eat perch, cod, and walleye, potato salad, baked potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, and bread. Adult are \$12.00 with children under 12 at \$6.00. Take-outs are available. All are welcome!

Eucharistic Minister Formation Sessions

The Diocese of Saginaw offers the following formation sessions for folks who are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Saturday, March 10 at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 16 at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at St. John Paul II Parish (formerly St. Josaphat Church) at 469 Shattuck Rd. in Saginaw. All are welcome.



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.

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.