

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 2 & 3, 2019



"Physician, cure yourself...."

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.



Scripture Readings ~ February 9 & 10, 2019

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, February 5*Memorial of St. Agatha*

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

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

Wednesday, February 6*Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions*

8:30 a.m. Word & Communion Service

9:00 a.m. Rosary

11:00 a.m. Adult Study Group

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

Thursday, February 7

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

Friday, February 8*Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani***Saturday, February 9**

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

11:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word;
FF3's, FF4s & Kindergarten Classes

1:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent Prep Session

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry "Girl's Night In" Event



All of us are here to make a difference and help one another along the way. To build a life of riches without being affected by the suffering of others is a break of our contract with humanity. Those of us who have more must be willing to share more.

People in socially and economically deprived situations don't want a handout, they want a hand up. No matter how high up the ladder we go, there is always room to reach back and pull another brother or sister up with us. This is what breeds true character.

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.

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.

last week's sanctuary candle was sponsored by Jane Kamrad

in memory of James L. Kamrad



Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator

The past couple weeks, we've felt the wrath of Mother Nature. Between the wind, snow, and bone-chilling temperatures, the parish office has been closed at times. Our Wednesday morning, Masses have been cancelled. Thank you for your patience, as we all navigate through the weather challenges together.

We hear from St. Paul this week a meditation on **love**. This should sound pretty familiar to most of you, especially while attending wedding celebrations. Our lives of faith center around love. It is at the heart of all things good and pure. It helps center our lives and helps us to organize and prioritize. Without love, nothing would matter. Love is the glue that binds us together, allowing us direction and hope in our lives. Love is central to Jesus's ministry.

One of the reasons this reading is popular for weddings is because it describes Love at it's peak. Truth is, this level of life is very difficult to attain and maintain over the years of marriage. Love isn't something to be bottled up or possessed, but to be recognized so we can strive for it and appreciate it in our lives. Love requires constant care and continually renewed within us. We celebrate wedding anniversaries, as couples live out their sacramental pledges to each other and God.

For engaged couples, talking to other married couples who have been married for some time can be beneficial because they have already endured some of life's challenges...whether it be choiceless events, raising children, financial challenges or owning a home. With Love at the center of their lives, they are able to support each other during the most difficult times. Unlike Love, sin and evil try to break us apart, isolate us and cause division.

As Paul tells us:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous,
it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests,
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.
It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

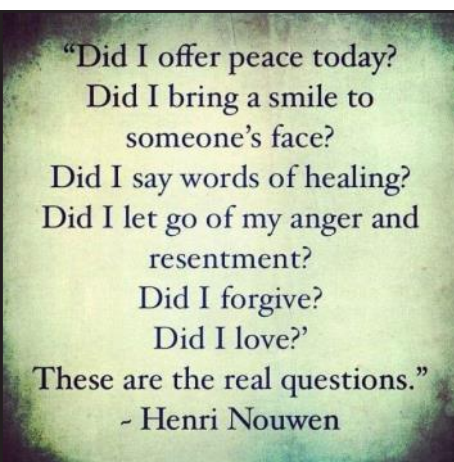
“So, faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”



These verses from 1 Corinthians are actually good Lenten reflections. How do I measure up with these ideals? Do I put my own interests first, or those of others? Instead of reacting with a quick-temper, how can I calm myself down first and react later upon reflection?

May the love of God guide each of you this week!

Deacon Larry Deford



We Are Stewards

Weekend ~ January 26 & 27, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (142 envelopes)	\$4,889.00
Children's Contributions (4 envelopes)	3.50
Weekend Loose	515.00
Weekend Total	\$5,407.50

*Children's Stewardship Messages: Wyatt's talent ~ shoveled snow;
Keegan's time ~ watched the dog.*

There is always enough time in a day to do God's will.

Family Breakfast Sunday, February 10, 2019 10:00 a.m. in social hall



Blessed Trinity's Men's Club invites all parishioners (singles, families, and retired) to their annual Family Breakfast! There is no cost, but you are asked to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to a local food pantry. We hope to see you there!

Faith Formation News

Our grade 3 students will travel to Medilodge of Frankenmuth on Tuesday, February 19 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. for a service activity. The students will celebrate St. Valentine's Day by doing crafts and sharing cookies and punch with the senior residents. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to visit the sick and comfort the afflicted. Children are asked to bring one package of store-bought cookies to share.



Parent or grandparent drivers and chaperones are needed for this trip to happen. Please consider whether you might be able to drive. We require a valid driver's license, registration, and insurance information. We will be sending the forms home with your grade 3 child/grandchild this week. Please check their folder or call me for more information. Please return the forms by February 12 or sooner.

Grade 4 students will travel to Medilodge on Tuesday, March 19. We need parent/grandparent drivers and chaperones for this trip, too. Please put this date on your calendar if you are able to drive and watch for forms to come home in early March.

*Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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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.

Simply Catholic

It is important to note that not all Google searches are created equal, especially regarding matters of faith. Enter SimplyCatholic.com, a new initiative from Our Sunday Visitor that offers a repository of trustworthy and accessible information about the Faith.

The mission of Simply Catholic is simple: to help Catholics know and love the Lord and his Church so that they may be equipped to share their Catholic faith with others. In short, Simply Catholic is here to help you be a better disciple of Christ.

On SimplyCatholic.com, you'll find succinct yet complete answers to the basics of the Faith, curated and edited by an expert in theology. If you can't find what you're looking for on the home page, you can browse by category or use the site's search feature. Still can't find your answer? Just email simplycatholic@osv.com, and they'll get back to you.

So, if you have pledged this New Year to get a little bit better about learning and sharing the Faith, Simply Catholic is there for you.

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 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.

*Nothing is so strong as gentleness,
nothing so gentle as real strength.*

(Saint Francis de Sales)

Youth Ministry News

Today/Sunday is our annual 'Soup-er' Bowl Collection after all Masses to benefit Saginaw's East Side Soup Kitchen. BT youth will be standing at the church exit doors with soup pots and ask for a dollar donation from all. This is the ESSK's biggest fundraiser. Let's make it an even bigger success than last year!

After all Masses, all youth are asked to head to the youth room to grab either a Patriots or Rams cookie and to make their prediction for the Super Bowl.

Last Sunday (before the Snowmageddon 2019 started!) our youth met for a discussion on 'Social Media' - the good and the bad. Later, we all met at the Harvest Coffee Shop to grab a hot beverage and check out the snow sculptures and puppies from the Snowfest. It was a great night! Thanks to Rodrigo Dominguez, Seth Messing, Nick Carter, and Shelby Braman for closing the evening in prayer. *(See pictures at right.)*

Postcards were mailed this past week with February event information. If you didn't receive yours, please text me. There are a few changes from our original schedule.

NCYC 2019 will be held on November 21-24 and is open to all 9-12 graders (2019-2020). Let me know if you are interested as I need to reserve our spots in March.

Thanks to all parents who have given me photos of their 2019 graduate. I'm still waiting on many more!

Our parish Faith formation Commission members will be packing boxes for our college youth today between the Masses. If you didn't share your college address with us, please do so ASAP!

Being passionate for our faith starts with all of us. We want our children to be Baptized and receive all of the sacraments. But,where are we?

WE are what makes the Catholic Church what it is! Let's get fired up for our faith.....again!



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



Pastoral Team

Pastoral Administrator ~ Deacon Larry Deford

Sacramental Minister ~ Rev. Thomas J. Fleming

Interim Director of Faith Formation

Pastoral Minister ~ Karen Smith

Coordinator of Faith Formation ~ Pamela Daily

Director of Youth Ministry ~ Kathryn Cramer

Director of Music ~ Alissa Hetzner

Music Assistant ~ Steven Holovach

Parish Secretary ~ Lori Snyder

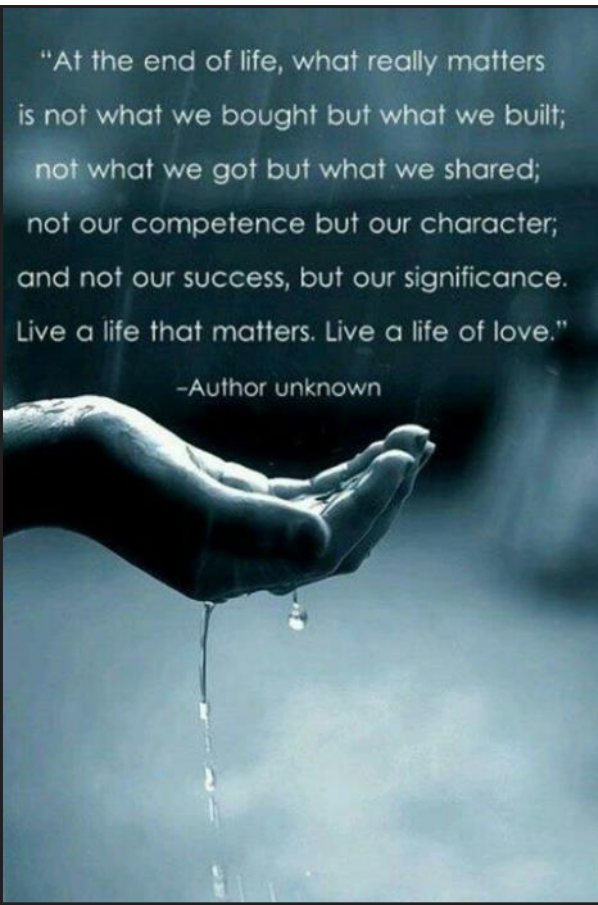
Bookkeeper ~ Carol Maurer

Director of Maintenance ~ Frederick Fitch

Maintenance Assistant ~ Philip Schmelzer

Commissioned Lay Ministers

Michael Snyder, Veronica Horn, Virginia Little,
 Katherine Haney, Joseph Ricard,
 Pamela Daily, Jacqueline Gere



The Bishop's Annual "Big Raffle"

Blessed Trinity's Men's Club will sell tickets for the BIG Raffle before and after all weekend Masses on the 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. 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. Call the parish office if you have questions.

Cleaning Out Your Closets?

The Clothesline Store in Frankenmuth is in desperate need of winter clothing for adults AND children: school clothes, coats, boots, and gloves. If you have these gently-loved and clean items, please drop them off at the Clothesline Store. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact the parish office at 652-3259.

Food Donations



Please purchase extra grocery items for local food pantries, which service families in our area. All items are needed including paper supplies, cleaning supplies, food items, and personal care items.

Please do not bring in perishable food items or items past their expiration date. Drop off your donations at BT during the week or when you come to weekend Mass.

Parish Mardi Gras Party
Tuesday, March 5, 2019
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our Parish Mardi Gras Party! There will be games and crafts, a "Selfie" photo booth, potluck dinner, and more!

Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck portion. Please bring your favorite game or deck of cards to share with friends!

Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area so we know how many to plan for.

Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Help is need to set-up, clean-up, help with dinner, lead games and crafts, and more. If you would like to help, please call or email Karen Smith or Pam Daily at the parish.

Our sponsor of the week is:

MediLodge of Frankenmuth

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Love for Lukulu Benefit

St. Agnes Parish in Freeland will host a Wines & Steins event on Saturday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. Beer and wine samples, appetizers, silent auction, wine pull, balloon pop, games, and live music will take place. Proceeds will benefit Love for Lukulu Mother's Milk and the St. Agnes Food Pantry. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance by calling the parish office at 695-5652. All are welcome!

Prayer for a New Bishop

Let us pray, Almighty God,
 eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us,
 grant to the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw a shepherd
 who will guide us to be Christ's heart of mercy,
 voice of hope, and hands of justice.
 Help him to fill our hearts and minds
 with the truth of the Gospel,
 the power of the sacraments
 and the desire to build up your holy church.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"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.

Do you need to deepen your faith? Do you need space for your inner journey? Is your life out of balance? Are you out of touch with the action of God in your life? Are you seeking to enrich your understanding of what it means to be a Christian in today's world? Do you see yourself as "church"? As a disciple of Jesus? Do you need to listen anew to Jesus' call?

Listen and learn from other men that are working through the same challenges. Please note that 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 are available from Deacon Larry Deford.