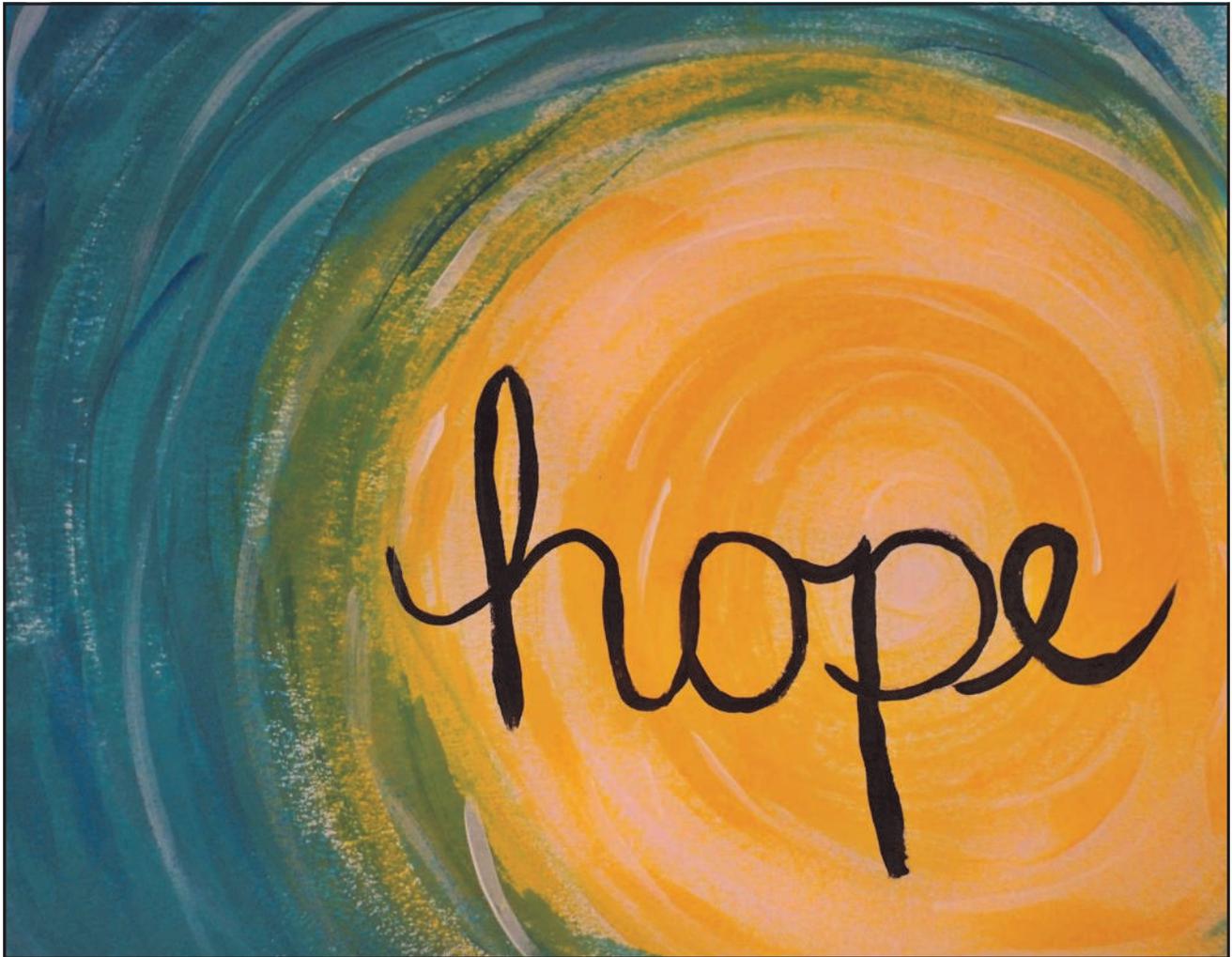


Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 3 & 4, 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

Monday, February 5

Memorial of St. Agatha

Tuesday, February 6

Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, February 7

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, February 8

Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medilodge

Saturday, February 10

Memorial of St. Scholastica

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass



Scripture Readings for February 10 & 11, 2018

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 Mark 1:40-45

Event Schedule

Tuesday, February 6

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

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

Wednesday, February 7

11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Study

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

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

Thursday, February 8

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

Friday, February 9

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saturday, February 10

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

Sunday, February 11

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:00 p.m. Family Lenten Activity Night

Listen to your intuition - it's on your side.

Your Help Is Needed

- ◆ *Volunteers are needed to serve at various parish socials in the coming months. Help is needed for set up, organizing food, serving food, and clean up. This ministry would take about an hour or two of your time per social.*
- ◆ *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.

*Volunteers make
a difference!*



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.

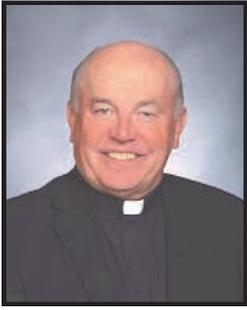
Sacrament of Marriage ~ Please contact the pastor before setting a wedding date. Six months are required for preparation.

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

Lent 2018 is beginning soon – Ash Wednesday is February 14. In order to get the most benefit from this season of God’s grace, it helps to start thinking about Lent and preparing for Lent well before Ash Wednesday. Let me make a few suggestions about getting prepared.

First of all, pick up a copy of the **Little Black Book** for Lent this weekend or next weekend. The reflections/suggestions for Lent in the book begin on Sunday, February 11 – as a way of helping the reader start preparing early for this important season.

Secondly, make it a point to attend the special “**Lent Preparation Session**” on Sunday, February 11, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity. This is new this year and is based on the very popular “Advent Family Night” that we have offered for many years. There will be prayer, an activity for all members of the family, and (of course) refreshments for all. The activity will be a family artistic project facilitated by Kathie Mates, a member of our parish who taught art for many years at Powers Catholic High School.

Thirdly, if you are going to choose a special “**penitential action**” for Lent, start thinking about it now. It might be a sacrifice of some kind during Lent – giving up a favorite food or drink or activity. It might also be an action that you commit yourself to doing during the 6 weeks of Lent: e. g. attending weekday Mass, reading the bible every day, giving time and/or money to a local charity, doing special acts of kindness for family members and neighbors, etc.

You might want to consider doing something different this Lent rather than just falling back on the “same old/same old” that you have done in the past. Choosing and then doing something different takes more time and effort so it’s a good idea to begin early.

Finally, my **Super Bowl** prediction for 2018: Eagles 31, Patriots 27. Philadelphia needs something to cheer about!

Fr. Bob Byrne

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ January 21 - 27, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,400.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Total	\$1,405.00

Weekend ~ January 27 & 28, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (164 envelopes)	\$6,511.00
Weekend Loose	626.00
Children’s Contributions (9 envelope)	1.20
Parish Debt Retirement (5 envelopes)	105.00
Initial Offering (5 envelopes)	57.00
Solemnity Holy Day Offering (1 envelope)	300.00
Weekend Total	\$7,600.20

Children’s stewardship notes: Sydney’s time ~ cleaned out the chicken coop.



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.

What you send out ~ comes back. What you sow ~ you reap. What you give ~ you get.
 What you see in others ~ exists in you. Do not judge ~ so you will not be judged.
 Radiate and give love ~ and love comes back to you. Life is an echo.

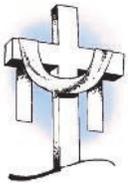
Youth Ministry News

It's 'Soup'er Bowl weekend! Our youth will collect donations after all Masses for the East Side Soup Kitchen. The need is great and we ask just \$1.00 or more to help feed the hungry.

All youth are invited to stop in at the youth room after the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses for a football cookie and punch. You'll also have an opportunity to predict the final score and winner of the Super Bowl. Will it be the Eagles? Will it be the Patriots?

Our youth shared a nice evening last Sunday as peer pressure was the topic; bible verses related to this subject were discussed. Each youth chose a verse that "spoke" to them and shared their thoughts. We ended our gathering with hot chocolate at The Harvest Coffee Shop and checked out the snow sculptures.

Spending time together as a faith community is what we are all about! Sometimes we're a big group; other times we're a small group. But, we are always an incredible group!



On Sunday, February 11 at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. will be a Lenten event: Collage Night with Kathie Mates. Make a collage to keep you strong during Lent. Our theme is STRENGTH. It'll be a great evening of community with snacks and beverages being served. Bring your family!

We'll have fun on Sunday, February 18 at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at an off-site Pretzel Rolling event. Youth will be able to make fresh pretzels and take home a few! Watch for more information.

2018 grad pictures are needed. Contact me with your questions.

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

Men's Club News

The Blessed Trinity Men's Club invites all parish men to their meeting on Wednesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the social hall. We'll have a short meeting followed by social time with refreshments. Come and observe how the club conducts business. All are welcome!

Faith Formation News

In this week's Gospel, Jesus shows God's life-giving, healing power to the people of Galilee by raising up Peter's mother-in-law, healing the sick, and freeing the possessed. He also takes time to pray. In class, our students learned about the healing ministry of Jesus and the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

As a family, discuss ways that you can make a difference in the lives of people who are hurting. Create a family litany or list of people you know who are suffering from illness or who are struggling in life. Pray together for them by saying each name and responding, "Lord, make haste to help them."



Parents of our grade 3 students are reminded to return their child's permission slip for our February 13 St. Valentine's Day/Mardi Gras trip to Medilodge of Frankenmuth at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Students are asked to bring one package of store-purchased cookies to share and donate. Parent or grandparent chaperones and drivers are needed. Indicate your availability on your child's permission slip or call me for more information.

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

Hospitality Minister News

Four volunteer Hospitality Ministers are needed at each Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14. If you are planning to attend the 12:00 noon or 7:00 p.m. Mass, please sign up to serve in the gathering area.

Five Hospitality Ministers will be needed for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday services. Please be sure to sign up to serve in the gathering area.

A new Hospitality Minister schedule will be mailed to all current ushers in mid-February. If you have any changes or dates you are unable to be scheduled, please let me know prior to February 9.

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

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 call 652-3259 or email: lsnyder@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 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 continental 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.

Morning Book Club News

The next meeting of the Morning Book Club will be on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss a new book by Gregory Boyle, SJ ~ *Barking to the Choir*. Fr. Boyle is known for his work with gang members in Los Angeles, CA.

His previous book ~ *Tattoos on the Heart* ~ told of the start of his mission there and the founding of Homeboy Industries. We expect that this new book will make you laugh, cry, and pray. We look forward to a powerful read.

Work hard. Stay humble.
Be kind. Have faith.
Dream big. Smile often.
Tell the truth. Travel more.
Remain loyal. Be thankful.
Never stop learning.
Love always.

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.*



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. The names will be printed in the bulletin for the designated week.

One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

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.

Change is coming ~ those first disciples called by Jesus "immediately" left everything and followed him. Often we're inspired by a Sunday sermon or something we read in the paper or hear on the news. Then we feel the need to change our lives in some way in order to become better people.

Change is hard when so much holds us in place - our families, our jobs - all our responsibilities. Yet there is always a need to leave something behind in order to gain something better. What must you let go of today in order to answer the Lord's call to fulfillment?

Missionary Disciples

Every part of the Mass helps prepare us to take the Light of Christ with us into our daily lives. The Introductory Rites challenge us to:

- *leave our individualism behind and unite as one community*
- *recognize the presence of Jesus in others*
- *sing - no matter how we think our voice sounds; uniting our voices with those around us can help unite our hearts with them as well*
- *remember that we are part of something that is much bigger than ourselves; making the Sign of the Cross reminds us that we gather with people throughout the ages and from all corners of the earth*

By recognizing the effect the Introductory Rites have on us, we can be better equipped to live as missionary disciples throughout the week. They can challenge us each day to:

- *prayerfully gather ourselves to do God's will in all that we do*
- *extend hospitality and focus on the needs of others*
- *respect the dignity of every person as a child of God*

Our sponsor of the week is:

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Knights of Columbus 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 Sagaming 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.

Donate to Local Food Pantries

Please consider purchasing an extra grocery item or two for local pantries, which service families in our area. Needed items include paper supplies, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, personal care items, as well as boxed and canned food items. (Please do not bring in perishable food items.) Drop off your donations at the parish during weekly office hours or when you come to weekend Masses. Thank you!

Shroud of Turin Replica Exhibit

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

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.

