

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20 & 21, 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, January 23

Memorial of St. Vincent

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 24

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, January 25

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

10:30 a.m. Mass at Covenant Glen

Friday, January 26

Memorial of Ss. Timothy and Titus

10:30 a.m. Mass at Independence Village

Saturday, January 27

Memorial of St. Angela Merici

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

5:00 p.m. Mass with Baptism

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass



Your Help Is Needed

- ◆ One or more volunteers are needed to water our Christmas poinsettias and Easter flowers (when placed). This will take about 1/2 hour of your time at each watering (1 or 2x per week).
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to launder altar linens (items used at Mass and during the week). You would be scheduled for one month at a time and wash the items once per week.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to serve as Communion ministers at Medilodge.

If you are interested in helping in one of the above ministries, please call the parish office at 652-3259.

Volunteers make a difference!

Scripture Readings for January 27 & 28, 2018

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

Event Schedule

Tuesday, January 23

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

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

Wednesday, January 24

11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Study

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, January 25

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Preparation Session II

Friday, January 26

11:00 a.m. Confirmation Preparation Session II

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saturday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 28

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

1:00 p.m. Worship Commission Meeting

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Meets

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 Pastoral Minister

Last Weekend we had the opportunity to celebrate Eucharist with Fr. Tom Landgraff, OSFS. He spoke about the organization UNBOUND which helps support children and older people in extreme poverty.

On behalf of Fr. Tom, I would like to thank everyone for their support. Blessed Trinity sponsored 19 people around the world. If you didn't have the opportunity to stop by the display in the gathering area and would like to support UNBOUND, please visit www.unbound.org. They offer different ways to provide assistance including one-time donations.

The Men's Club Chili Social was a success. There were 6-8 different types of delicious chili at each Mass, including Venison Chili and White Chicken Chili. Thank you to all who made the wonderful dishes.

Congratulations and God's blessing on Laura Morris. She made a Profession of Faith at Saturday's 5:00 p.m. Mass and was received into the Catholic Church.

Welcome back Fr. Bob!

Karen Smith

We Are Stewards

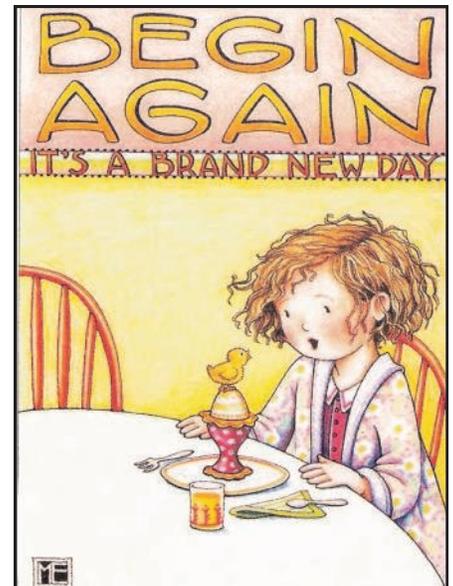
On-line Giving ~ January 7 - 13, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,275.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Total	\$1,280.00

Weekend ~ January 13 & 14, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (152 envelopes)	\$7,728.00
Weekend Loose.....	341.00
Children's Contributions (3 envelopes)	3.90
Parish Debt Retirement (3 envelopes)	166.00
Initial Offering (5 envelopes)	115.00
Weekend Total	\$8,353.90

Children's stewardship notes: Mya's talent ~ dance.



When you feel good
you look good.

When you think good
you look good.

When you say good
you look good.

When you do good
you look good.

When you eat good
you look good.

When you sleep good
you look good.

When you love your life
you look good.

Men's Club News

Did you know that the biggest contribution made to the parish each year by the Men's Club is in scholarships to our graduating senior youth? In fact, over the last five years, the Men's Club has awarded 20 college scholarships in the amount of \$14,500!

We also provide many other services as needed to the parish. We encourage all parish men who are not currently members to consider joining the Men's Club. By working with us, you will help continue the good works of the past and guide us to new ways in the future.

Men's Club members will be available this weekend to speak with you and hand out flyers that list the group's contributions to the parish community. Please stop by and speak with one of the guys!

Youth Ministry News

The wait is over.....all youth in grades 7-12 will gather tonight/Sunday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. to hold our own "march" in honor of the March for Life event in Washington, D.C. Our gathering will include bible verses pertaining to life. All are asked to bring a baby item to donate to the Underground Railroad Ministry. We may also make tied blankets if there is time. All are welcome!

Our youth will gather at The Harvest Coffee Shop on Sunday, January 29 to discuss peer pressure. Our high school youth will lead this event. We hope to also check out the ice sculptures from Snowfest.

An addition to our calendar is a "Guy's Night In" event scheduled for March 11, led by young adult/college student Josh Treib.

Our Cardboard City event will take place on April 27 & 28. Please adjust your calendar.

February gatherings will be filled with service and fun:

- ⇒ our annual 'SOUP'er Bowl Collection will take place on February 3 & 4 with a social for all youth in the youth room between Masses
- ⇒ a Faith Formation-sponsored event for all youth and families will be held on February 11 at 6:00 p.m.
- ⇒ we'll roll pretzels at Weiss Farms on February 18 (7-12 grade youth)

What a great month to be involved at BT!

Pictures. Pictures. Pictures! I need your pictures, 2018 grads. Contact me with questions.

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Women's Bible Sharing Class

Val Sulfaro will lead a Women's Bible Sharing Session on Tuesdays at 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the parish, beginning January 23 and running until May 1. The focus will be on the Sunday readings. Cost is free. Call Val at 652-5953 to register.

Happy are they who take life day by day, complain very little, and are thankful for the little things in life.

Faith Formation News

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls four fishermen to become fishers of people. This is a call that comes to all of us on this Sunday, and we need to respond with the same joy as the first disciples.

Talk about ways your family can share Jesus' message with others. Remember that actions will always speak louder than words when it comes to bringing the Good News to others.

As Ash Wednesday and Lent approach on February 14, talk as a family about ways to be loving or forgiving. Point out times when your child/children act as a member of God's loving family at home, church, and with their school classmates.

Please say a prayer for our candidates and their parents as they meet with Fr. Bob and myself from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. today/Sunday to prepare for Confirmation.

Bishop Cistone has scheduled Confirmation at Blessed Trinity on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. St. Elizabeth, Reese and Ss. Francis and Clare, Birch Run will join us; there will be approximately 46 children to be Confirmed from all three parishes. Rehearsal will take place on Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m. in church.

Parents ~ can you "waste time" with your children? It is one of the most important things that you can do each day. (Pope Francis)

Carol Fox ~ Director of Faith Formation
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Never be afraid to sit awhile and think

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.

Parish Weather Policy



Religious Education Classes and Activities: when the Frankenmuth Schools are closed for the day, all after-school and evening religious education classes and activities are cancelled. When the beginning of the school day is delayed, classes and activities will be held as scheduled.

If weather conditions deteriorate during the day, the Director of Faith Formation makes the decision about the after school classes for the children, in consultation with the school principals.

Parish Offices and Events: when the Frankenmuth Schools are closed for the day or the start of the school day is delayed, the church offices will be closed until 11:00 a.m. and all morning events at the parish are cancelled. Day and evening events will be held, weather permitting. Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office regarding cancellations.

If Frankenmuth Schools cancel evening activities, all parish evening activities are cancelled. If weather conditions worsen during the day, the parish offices may be closed and activities cancelled. Parishioners are encouraged to call the parish office regarding cancellations.

Do You Ever Wonder?

Every age has its own particular mindset through which the people view their world. Our 21st-century perspective could be called "scientific." Whatever we can see with our eyes and measure with our instruments, we believe.

Eight hundred years ago the prevailing attitude was "wonder." In the Middle Ages all of creation was viewed as a symbol. It was a book in which every living thing was a word charged with meaning. The faithful were called to look through the visible to the invisible and, by reading nature, read the thoughts of God.

Our amazing and helpful advances in science have sometimes come at the expense of wonder. Today, pray to the Holy Spirit for the lost gift of wonder and awe.

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



Congratulations to parishioners, Joe & Jessica (Harris) Kociba who were married at Blessed Trinity on December 29, 2017. Pictured with the happy couple are Fr. Rick Bokinskie and Fr. Bob Byrne.

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.

LOST AND FOUND: a gold wedding band was found in church on December 31 and turned into the parish office. It has the initials KMD & GRL 7-14-79 engraved on the inside of the ring. To claim, please call the parish office.



“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Fr. Bob's Homilies ~ Now Recorded

Parishioners have asked for copies of Fr. Bob's homilies, and we are now able to record and transfer it to a CD. If you would like a copy of a certain week's homily, please contact the parish office with the date of the Mass you would like to receive.

Your CD will be available the following weekend for pick up or at another designated time that works for you. *Note: although we try to do our best, there may be technical issues that will not allow recording on a certain week, making the homily unavailable.*

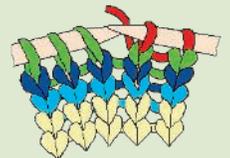
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Do you wish you could be involved with a ministry that uses your gifts and talents? Do you wish you could be part of a ministry without leaving your home? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is for you!

For several years, Blessed Trinity has been involved in the chemo cap and prayer shawl ministry to St. Mary's of Michigan. Folks craft the caps and shawls, bring them to BT where they are tagged with the crafter's name, then delivered to St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

The items are distributed by St. Mary's chaplains to people who are experiencing difficulties with cancer and/or hospitalized with other life-threatening illnesses. There is always a need for these items, for both men and women. You would be amazed at the reactions the chaplains receive upon gifting the patients with these labors of love.

We have patterns available for the caps and shawls. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in this ministry.



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.

Happiness

is the highest level of success.

Sponsor Altar Flowers

Parishioners can sponsor weekend altar flowers for Masses in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion, birthday, anniversary, etc. Two arrangements are available each weekend at \$50.00 each. Call the parish office for info.

Frankenmuth Senior Center

Local folks who are age 60+ are invited to gather at the Frankenmuth Senior Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall basement (elevator available).

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day; cost is \$2.00 per person (milk or coffee an additional .25c) RSVP for lunch at 652-3430, ext. 197. Each week's menu is printed in the Frankenmuth News.

When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine.

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!

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.



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