

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

*958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan
989-652-3259*

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27 & 28, 2018*

"...and on the Sabbath, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught."



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 30

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 31

Memorial of St. John Bosco

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, February 1

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Friday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

10:30 a.m. Mass at Wellspring

Saturday, February 3

Memorial of St. Blaise

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass - Scout Sunday



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!*



Scripture Readings for February 3 & 4, 2018

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Event Schedule

Tuesday, January 30

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

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

Wednesday, January 31

11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Study

Thursday, February 1

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

6:30 p.m. Adult Catechism Study II

Friday, February 2

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saturday, February 3

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

'Soup'er Bowl Collection After Mass

Sunday, February 4

'Soup'er Bowl Collection After Both Masses

11:00 a.m. FF3's, FF4's, and Kindergarten Classes
Children's Liturgy of the Word

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Meets

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

*The cure for boredom is curiosity.
There is no cure for curiosity.*

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.

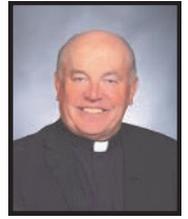
Anointing of the Sick ~ A communal celebration is celebrated in October. Individual anointing is available whenever requested.

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



As many of you know, **Carol Fox**, our Director of Faith Formation, is retiring in August of this year. Carol has served our parish community and especially our children with dedication and love for the past 16 years. Carol and her husband, Fred, will continue to reside here in Frankenmuth and Carol plans to volunteer at Blessed Trinity after retirement.

Since a new pastor will not be appointed for some time, I have asked our pastoral minister, Karen Smith, to serve as Acting Director of Faith Formation for the coming year. The new pastor can then decide on the hiring process for a permanent Director of this very important ministry of our parish.

Before coming to Blessed Trinity, Karen was the Director of Faith Formation at St. Francis De Sales Parish in Bridgeport and is certified for level one of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She is familiar with our programs of faith formation and I expect a smooth transition when Carol retires. I am very grateful to Karen for taking on this additional responsibility in the coming year.

Our prayers and condolences go out to Kathy Haney and to all of the family of her mother, **Carol Mroz**, who died on January 11 in Las Vegas. A funeral Mass for Carol will be celebrated here at Blessed Trinity after Easter. May Carol and all of our departed loved ones rejoice in God's eternal peace.

✝ Thursday of this past week (January 25) was the feast of "**The Conversion of St. Paul.**" You may or may not be aware that the Diocese of Saginaw once had its own minor seminary: The St. Paul Seminary of Saginaw. The seminary opened in 1960 and closed in 1970 and the seminary buildings are now used for Nouvel Catholic Central High School and the Administrative Center for the Diocese.

I was a student at St. Paul's from 1961 until 1967, completing high school and two years of college. I remember well that the biggest celebration of the school year there was on January 25. The day included a Mass with Bishop Woznicki and a special luncheon banquet with the bishop and many priests from the diocese who came for the celebration.

After the luncheon, there was a basketball game between the seminary varsity team and a team of priests from the diocese. I played on the seminary team for several of those games and I remember that the priests were tough competition – they played a very physical and aggressive game. They won some years and the seminary "boys" won others. One of the priests who played in those games was Fr. Chet Pilarski, who would later serve as pastor of Blessed Trinity.

Fr. Bob Byrne

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ January 14 - 20, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$3,715.00
Parish Debt Retirement.....	160.00
Total.....	\$3,875.00

Weekend ~ January 20 & 21, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (176 envelopes).....	\$8,385.00
Weekend Loose	563.00
Children's Contributions (3 envelopes)	4.50
Parish Debt Retirement (1 envelope)	50.00
Initial Offering (5 envelopes)	75.00
Weekend Total.....	\$9,077.50

Children's stewardship notes: Wade's time ~ watched the dog; Wyatt's time ~ helped set the table; Sydney's time ~ helped my sister get in her car seat.

Jesus Chooses His Teammates

When it comes to Christian unity, Jesus points us in an odd direction by his example. When he calls his 12 closest followers, it's not pretty: Roman collaborators, men smelling of fish, a political agitator, and a thief, among others.

Many of these will never distinguish themselves beyond their denial, betrayal, and doubt of the one whom they follow. Why does Jesus make such eccentric choices?

We might as well ask why Jesus wants you and me. Jesus calls whom he calls, and if we don't all go to the same church, is that his problem or ours?

Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday, our youth will meet at Blessed Trinity and travel to the Harvest Coffee Shop downtown to share hot chocolate and discuss peer pressure (with high school youth leaders). We'll view the Snow Fest sculptures as a group to end our gathering. Please pick your child up at the coffee shop at 8:00 p.m.

Thanks to all youth who participated in last week's March for Life event. It was a great group who made wonderful posters that now hang in the youth room (see a sample poster pictured below this column). The Underground Railroad Ministry will benefit from your donations of baby items.



We'll celebrate the 'SOUP'er Bowl next weekend and ask that you donate a dollar to the East Side Soup Kitchen. The kids will meet after both Sunday Masses and have the opportunity to predict the outcome of the Super Bowl.

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation News

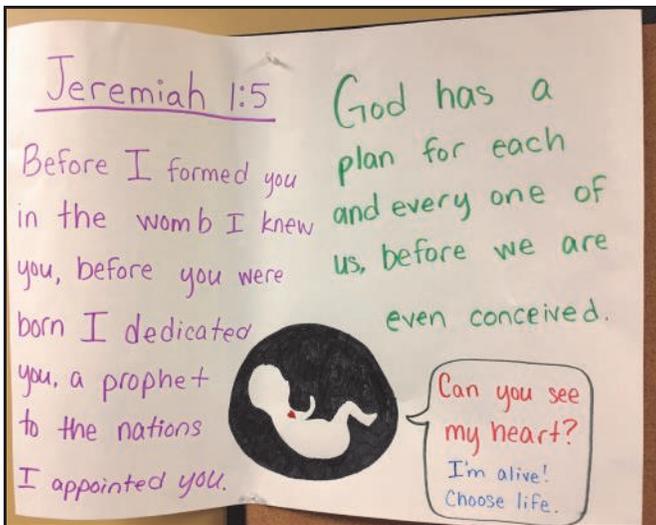
In today's Gospel, Jesus shows his power and authority over evil. His teaching during Sabbath worship amazes his audience and establishes his authority. He is fueled by the Holy Spirit and driven by God's love - the Trinity in action.

This week our students learned about the power of our actions - whether performing them or observing them and how powerful GOOD actions can be. Pray as a family, "Jesus, help us show your healing and kindness to all we meet this week."

Our grade 3 students will travel to Medilodge of Frankenmuth on February 13 to celebrate St. Valentine's Day with the residents. Students are asked to bring one package of store-purchased cookies to share and donate during our visit. Parent/grandparent chaperones and drivers are needed. Please indicate your availability on your child's permission slip or call me for more information.

Please note that classes are NOT scheduled on Wednesday, January 31 for our grades 5 & 6 students ONLY. All other classes will follow our regular schedule as listed in the Parent Handbook.

Carol Fox ~ Director of Faith Formation
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Edit your life frequently and ruthlessly. It's your masterpiece after all.

It's Not the End of the World

If there's one thing we can use less of, it's negative attitudes. After a brief perusal of daily headlines, we might be forgiven for thinking that the next six wars are preloaded, our food supply is toxic, strangers may be killers, and all leaders are liars.

Yet our sacred story declares that human hearts can change. The future can be anything we want it to be. All we have to do is choose. Decide today to walk the road of hope.



Visitors David & Susan Goodrich (from Waterford, MI) joined in the wedding anniversary blessing last Sunday.

Men's Club News

Did you know that the second biggest contribution made to the parish each year by the Men's Club is in support of the Advent Giving Tree effort? In the past four years, our group has donated 86 gift cards in the amount of \$2,150 to Giving Tree families.

Our group's main purpose is to support the ministry of the pastor and Blessed Trinity Parish. All parish men are encouraged to become members of the Men's Club to help continue our good work and look at new ways to support our parish in the future.

Representatives will be available after this weekend's Masses to answer your questions and sign up new members.

Pancake Breakfast



The Frankenmuth Boy and Cub Scouts are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 4 (Scout Sunday) at 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church. All are welcome to stop in and support our local scouts!

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.



Congratulations to Laura Morris, who was Confirmed in the Catholic Church on January 20. She is pictured with her sponsor, Louis Furlo, Jr., Blessed Trinity's Pastoral Minister, Karen Smith, 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.

Mindfulness 101

Be aware of your surroundings. Look where you're going. Think before you speak. Remember to breathe. Be here now. Pithy reminders to be mindful have been sprinkled into the popular diet for so long, they tend to join the background noise we train ourselves to ignore.

Too bad: mindfulness isn't just for monks and yoga fans. Jesus invites us to live in watchful awareness of our times, ready to respond in any given situation. Practice being present to every person and each hour today. Where is the Spirit drawing you?



Thank You, Blessed Trinity

On behalf of the entire St. Louis Center community, I wish to thank Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for its very generous gift of \$4,000. It will go a very long way in meeting the needs of the children and adults who reside here. May God continue to bless all of you for your good work.

*Fr. Enzo Addari, SdC, Administrator
St. Louis Center*

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Thank you for your donation of \$2,500. This donation will help keep our school open and also helped with needed home repairs and the distribution of Christmas presents for many who struggle in poverty.

Fr. Tom Carroll ~ The Piarist School

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Thank you for your generous donation of \$4,000 to SPRED. We appreciate your kindness and support.

Sr. Elaine ~ SPRED

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Thank you so much for your donation of \$2,000 to the Vassar Area Food Pantry. Your continuing support of our mission to serve others is truly a wonderful blessing. Your donation has been used to provide food vouchers from Central Shoprite to help those in our community who are in need.

*Kevin Haines, Treasurer
Vassar Area Food Pantry*

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We thank everyone for their contributions and/or Christmas gifts that were donated to the families in the Frankenmuth School District. With your generosity, we were able to help numerous families from grades K through 12th enjoy the Christmas season. We surely could not have done this for these families without your help and we truly appreciate your generosity.

*Stephanie Izzo, Counselor, FHS
Joanne Mahnke, Counselor, EFR Middle School
Margaret Johnston, Counselor, List Elementary*

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.

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:

Bavarian Veterinary Hospital

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Diocese of Saginaw Event Schedule

- ◆ Catholic Women's Fellowship ~ "A Woman's Faith: Practical Witness of the Art of Femininity" on Thursday, February 1 from 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw
- ◆ Informational Meeting About the Lay Ministry Program ~ Saturday, February 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw
- ◆ Feed the Fire Mass with Bishop Cistone ~ Saturday, February 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. John Vianney Church, 6400 McCarty Rd. in Saginaw
- ◆ Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone ~ Thursday, February 8 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 910 6th Ave. in Saginaw
- ◆ Mary in the New Testament: Pre-Lenten Retreat with Fr. Bill Taylor ~ Friday, February 9 to Sunday, February 11 at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw

All are welcome to any of these offerings. Call the Center for Ministry at 797-6648 for more information on any event.

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.

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.