

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 5 & 6, 2019



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.*

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, January 7

Memorial of St. Raymond of Penyafort

Tuesday, January 8

3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes
 6:30 p.m. Combined Meeting of Christian Service and Faith Formation Commissions

Wednesday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Mass
 9:00 a.m. Rosary
 3:00 p.m. Grade 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 12

11:00 a.m. First Reconciliation with Social
 4:00 p.m. Individual Reconciliation until 4:30 p.m.
 5:00 p.m. Mass
 6:00 p.m. Men's Club Chili Social

Sunday, January 13

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. Men's Club Chili Social
 11:00 a.m. Mass
 11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word; FF3's, FF4s & Kindergarten Classes
 12:00 noon Men's Club Chili Social



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.



Scripture Readings for January 12 & 13, 2019

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

What is Your Most Precious Treasure?

You may not want to admit it, but if you are like most people, you have probably spent a great deal of your life hoping to find the love you deserve: a love that accepts and affirms you completely. Some people follow star after star, looking for that unconditional love, only to be disappointed over and over again.

Why does this happen? We are human, which is to say imperfect. At some point, all parents end up hurting and disappointing their children. Those hurts and disappointments condition the way we love. We become frustrated and lose our tempers. We push too much or say too much. We are jealous or too sensitive. And we find ourselves hurting and disappointing the ones we love most. Those who love us do the same.

The only way to find unconditional love is to follow the same star the wise men followed: the star that leads to Jesus. Only God can love us unconditionally, and Jesus is the Way to God's love. Open yourself to God's love so that you can share that love with all its acceptance and affirmation with your most precious treasure: your children.

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.

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator

Happy New Year to all! I pray good memories, fun times, and great food were shared with cherished family members and friends during these past few weeks. I took a few days off to spend time with most of my family. My son Paul continues to fine-tune his culinary skills (hobby) while attending grad school at the University of Cincinnati, so Connie and I enjoyed cooking with him.

Special thanks to all who worked hard to provide our beautiful worship space and liturgies: dancers, choir, musicians, and enhancement team. I can't thank all of you enough for your love and dedication to provide a great experience for all the faithful attending our liturgies!

At the Christmas Day Mass, we presented Bishop Hurley with a personalized Christmas ornament from Bronners CHRISTmas Wonderland.

From Christmas to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph last weekend, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God on New Year's Day and this weekend The Epiphany of the Lord - there is a lot packed in a few, short weeks.

The gifts of the Magi reveal Christ's nature to us. Gold is normally reserved as a gift for a king. Frankincense was a valuable incense burned in the temple as a sign of the presence of God. Myrrh is in all the synoptic gospels surrounding Jesus' death. It was mixed with wine and offered to Jesus on the cross; while also among the spices and perfumes Nicodemus brings in preparation of Jesus's body for burial. Jesus has been treated as a king, God and as a human.

As people far and wide hear of the Messiah's arrival, they are happy and full of joy. The one exception is Herod. It has been said many times that the gospels are meant to "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." Herod is deeply concerned and will be the first of many to reject Jesus, his message and offer of everlasting life with him.

May God's peace reign in your hearts as we begin the new year, allowing His love, grace and mercy to always be with you.

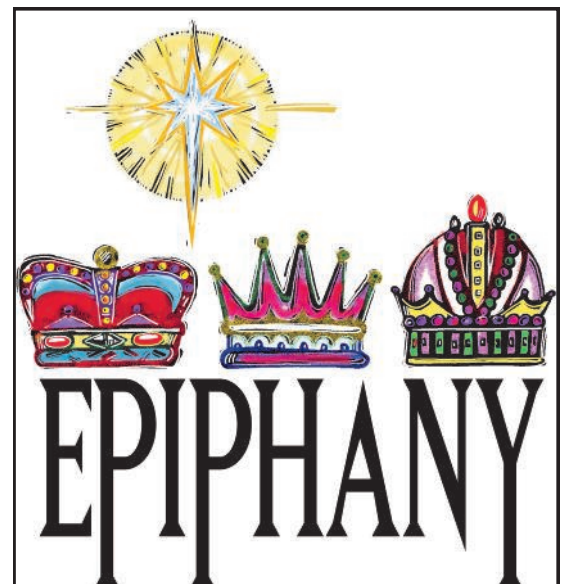
Deacon Larry Deford

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.



Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ December 9-15, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,290.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Total	\$1,295.00

On-line Giving ~ December 16-22, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$4,020.00
Parish Debt Retirement	70.00
Retirement Religious	805.00
Total	\$4,895.00

Weekend ~ December 22 & 23, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (160 envelopes)	\$7,983.00
Christmas Contributions (7 envelopes)	306.00
Children's Contributions (2 envelopes)	2.00
Weekend Loose	1,044.50
Parish Debt Retirement (2 envelopes)	20.00
Retirement Religious (5 envelopes)	185.00
Weekend Total	\$9,540.50

Christmas Eve & Day ~ December 24 & 25, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (199 envelopes)	\$10,765.00
Children's Contributions (1 envelope)	1.97
Christmas Loose	1,694.50
Retirement Religious (1 envelope)	150.00
Christmas Total	\$12,610.97

Children's Stewardship Messages: Mya's time ~ babysitting; Wade's time ~ watching Bree; Wyatt's time ~ holiday preparations.

Pastoral Team

Pastoral Administrator
Deacon Larry Deford

Sacramental Minister
Rev. Thomas J. Fleming

Pastoral Minister
Interim Director of Faith Formation
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

Endowment Fund

The Blessed Trinity Endowment Fund is an effective way for all of us to support for many generations to come, the ministries of our parish that are so important for planting and nourishing the seeds of faith.

The Endowment Fund was established in 2014 and is invested through the Frankenmuth Community Foundation by professional investment managers.

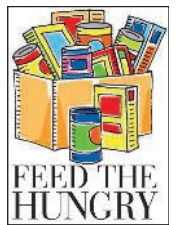
The Frankenmuth Community Foundation has announced its first ever "Giving 150% to our Community Campaign." This means every dollar you donate between now and January 15, 2019 will receive an additional 50% matching donation up to a maximum donation match of \$5,000.

Donations can be made to the Endowment Fund in a variety of ways including cash or assets, such as stocks and bonds, bequests from a will or trust, retirement plan gifts, qualified charitable distributions from IRA's (must be age 70 ½) or life insurance gifts.

More information is available by calling the parish office at 652-3259.

Food Donations

Please consider purchasing 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.

Music & Liturgy News

I send out deep thanks to the countless folks who offered their time and talents to make our Christmas liturgies so meaningful. To these who gave many hours: musicians, choir, handbell choir, liturgical dancers, liturgical ministers, enhancement team, worship aid team, and BT staff.....thank you!

Most will never understand what it takes to make things happen at a parish. Our volunteers do what they do because they love their parish and want to help. We're a family, and family helps each other out in more ways that we know. It truly takes a village!

Alissa Hetzner ~ Director of Music
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Faith Formation News

Today we celebrate the wonderful Feast of the Epiphany, when Jesus is revealed to all the nations as the Son of God. Our parish children are excited to take part in today's liturgy.

Welcome to the New Year! Parents and students are reminded that Faith Formation classes resume beginning on January 8.

Our grade 2 students will celebrate First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m. Parents, students, and catechists have been working together to prepare the children for this sacrament. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Please see their photos that are posted in both the gathering area and the classroom wing.

Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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Karen Smith ~ Pastoral Minister
Director of Faith Formation
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Our sponsor of the week is:

Dr. Nancy Haskin

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Let your speech always be with grace.

Youth Ministry News

Happy New Year! May you ignite a new spark that will allow the fire of light to be born bright inside of you!

Tonight/Sunday is our warm-up to a new year. Our grades 7-12 youth will meet "by the fire" from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. We'll discuss coming gatherings and events as well as leadership and service opportunities. Dress warm and bring your favorite mug!

I need 2019 grad pictures!

Our Young Adult Group representatives will meet soon to plan an event. Watch for updates.

Seth Messing.....I didn't hear from you last week, so you must not have read the bulletin. **Courtney Keyes**.....are you reading it? If so, contact me for your McDonald's gift card!

We are BT! We make it great!

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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We were blessed to have Bishop Walter Hurley celebrate with us on Christmas Day (pictured above with Fr. T.J. Fleming and Deacon Larry Deford).

Thank you to our Christmas flower sponsors!

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and Leo & Margaret Michalski

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In memory of Cecil Coon



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Shirley Chelenyak and John Wojno

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In memory of Pete Berkobien
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