



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 7 & 8, 2018

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.*

Parish Calendar Items

Monday, July 9

Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

Tuesday, July 10

6:30 a.m. Youth Ministry Trip to Cedar Point

Wednesday, July 11

Memorial of St. Benedict

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Friday, July 13

Memorial of St. Henry



Saturday, July 14

Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, July 15

Fifteenth in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

Scripture Readings for July 14 & 15, 2018

Amos 7:12-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

Give What You Receive

Saint Francis of Assisi had a healthy skepticism about academic pursuits. In the Middle Ages the accolades a note scholar might enjoy could leave gospel poverty in the dust.

When Anthony of Padua asked to join Francis' new "Order of Penance," however, Francis saw that Anthony was able to combine brilliance and oratorical power with fidelity to the gospel and simplicity. Francis even welcomed Anthony to bring his precious books with him - they were the tools of his trade - and entrusted to his care the training of brothers seeking to become priests.

You may find yourself juggling values that seem at odds with each other, like being a breadwinner and a caring mom or dad. Saint Anthony knew that the gifts of God - even those most esteemed like intelligence, power, and wealth - are still gifts as long as they're balanced with humility.

*God is never too busy to listen.
Don't be too busy to talk to him.*

*Welcome to our guests!
We hope you enjoy your visit!*

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.

*this week's sanctuary candle
is sponsored by Sharon Bark
in memory of Gary Bark*

*this weekend's altar flowers
are sponsored by Betty Lackowski
in memory of Gertrude McMahon*

Thoughts From Our Pastoral Minister

We've all heard the phrase, "There is nothing permanent except change." Change isn't easy, and we all feel this in our parish community right now. With Fr. Bob Byrne retiring and Deacon Larry Deford arriving, I have been reflecting on many things such as:

*Who will our new priest be?
Will we get a permanent priest assigned at Blessed Trinity?
What is a deacon's role as administrator?
What is my role as a staff member and parishioner at Blessed Trinity?*

I don't have all of the answers for these questions, but I have given a lot of thought about my role as a member of this parish family.

Writing often helps me think things through when I struggle with an issue. As I began jotting thoughts down about this issue, I found myself using the term "be invested in" many times. To me, it is very different to be invested in something versus investing in it. Personally, I think our thoughts should be:

**be personally involved ~ vs ~ being involved from a distance
have a feeling of ownership ~ vs ~ not knowing what is needed day to day
be part of the success ~ vs ~ depending on the actions of others
contribute time, talent, and treasure ~ vs ~ only a financial contribution
love BT and can't imagine attending elsewhere ~ vs ~ care about BT but somewhere else will do
this parish community is family ~ vs ~ this is a place I come only for mass (no personal connection)
ask: "how can we work through this?" ~ vs ~ asking: "what are they going to do about this?"**

We are blessed to have so many people who are invested in our parish community. It will take trust in God, constant prayer, and our continued hard work to keep Blessed Trinity Catholic Church the active, vibrant, parish that it is. I truly believe we can do this.....by leaning on God and one another.

Karen Smith

Stewardship Prayer

*My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am friendly.*

*It will be holy, if I am holy. It's pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.*

*It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver.*

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.

*It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion,
charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.*

*Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task of being all things that I want my parish to be. Amen.*

(adapted from Diocese of San Diego)





"Bob the Baptizer" sits with children after last Sunday's 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to these little ones who were baptized recently at Blessed Trinity:

Mary Elizabeth Platko
daughter of Matt & Maggie

Chloe Grace Schulte
daughter of Bret & Christy

Lennon James Horny
son of Phillip & Ashley

Hannah Grace Freel
daughter of Trent & Rebecca

We wish God's love and many blessings to these families!



Baby Item Collection

During the month of July, Blessed Trinity's Christian Service Commission will sponsor a Baby Item Collection. All items will be donated to local charities.



Anything a baby might need is welcome: clothing, bottles, toys, blankets, socks & shoes, diapers, etc. When you are shopping, please consider picking something up to donate to this effort.

Bring your donations to church during our weekly hours or when you come to weekend Mass and place in the small crib by the parish office. Thank you for helping God's precious little ones!

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.

Vacation Bible School 2018

All children ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend "Hero Central" Vacation Bible School where they will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God. They will become heroes and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. There is no charge to attend; friends, visiting relatives, and grandchildren are welcome!

- ⇒ on Monday, July 23 - Thursday, July 26 at 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
- ⇒ co-sponsored by Frankenmuth United Methodist Church
- ⇒ register on-line at: hc.cokesburyvbs.com/btccfumc (registration forms available at both churches)
- ⇒ Questions? Email vbs@fmuthumc.org or cfox@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org



We Are Stewards

Weekend ~ June 30 & July 1, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$7,003.00
Youth Contributions	3.79
Weekend Loose	614.00
Parish Debt Retirement	50.00
Mission Co-op	175.00
Weekend Total	\$7,845.79

Children's Stewardship Notes: Mya's talent ~ dancing.

Please don't forget to financially support Blessed Trinity Parish while traveling elsewhere this summer. We have bills to pay and depend upon your weekly contributions. Thank you!

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.

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



Summer Health Tips

Ice a headache. Apply the pack where the pain is centered on your head or upper neck as soon as possible. Reusable gel packs, kept in the freezer, are handy, comfortable, and, according to one study, provide at least some relief in as many as 70% of headache sufferers. Running cold water over your head may have a similar effect.



Over-the-counter reading glasses are fine if all you need is magnification. However, it's essential to see an eye-care specialist at regular intervals for a glaucoma test and an examination, especially as you get older. Make sure that magnifying glasses are all you need.

Be yourself.
Who else is better qualified?

 Our sponsor of the week is:

Dafoe Law, PLLC

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A Prayer for Today

Calm me, quiet me, settle me....
Steady me, balance me, ground me....
Plant me, root me, embed me....
Support me, sustain me, protect me....
Forgive me, pardon me, free me....
Refresh me, restore me, heal me....
Enfold me, embrace me, hold me....
Lord, hear my prayer today!

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, and boxed and canned food 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.

Household Items to Donate?

Thanks to all who bring in clothing and household donations for Emmaus House. All items are picked up on Monday mornings by a parish volunteer who delivers them to Saginaw.

We ask that you only bring in two bags or boxes of donations per week. We cannot handle a load of garage sale "leftovers." If you have more than this, please call Emmaus House for pick up at: 755-7538.

Make a Difference

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.



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.



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 (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 (names will be printed in the bulletin for the designated week).

Pastoral Team

Pastoral Administrator ~ Deacon Larry Deford

Pastoral Minister ~ Karen Smith

Director of Faith Formation ~ Carol Fox

Director of Youth Ministry ~ Kathryn Cramer

Director of Music ~ Alissa Hetzner

Music Assistant ~ Steven Holovach

Parish Secretary ~ Lori Snyder

Bookkeeper ~ Carol Maurer

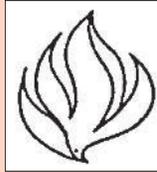
Director of Maintenance ~ Frederick Fitch

Maintenance Assistant ~ Philip Schmelzer

~ Commissioned Lay Ministers ~

- Michael Snyder*
- Veronica Horn*
- Joe Ricard*
- Virginia Little*
- Katherine Haney*
- Pamela Daily*

Baptism By Fire



Imagine having the insight to realize that your mission would lead without fail to your persecution and death. Now imagine having the courage to remain faithful to that mission - despite the cost.

The next time you feel stressed out by the demands of your own calling (and don't we all feel that way at least some of the time?), pause to consider the stress that Jesus was under. Say a quick prayer asking Jesus to send you the courage you need to face your own trials.

