

Shake the dust from your feet!



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

*958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan
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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 14 & 15, 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 16

Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00 p.m. Grades 5-8 Youth Ministry Movie Night

Tuesday, July 17

Youth Ministry Service Tuesday

11:30 a.m. Widow's Lunch at Davinci's Restaurant

Wednesday, July 18

Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Service

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Friday, July 20

Memorial of St. Apollinaris

Saturday, July 21

Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi

5:00 p.m. Mass with Baptism

6:00 p.m. Welcome Social for Deacon Larry

Sunday, July 22

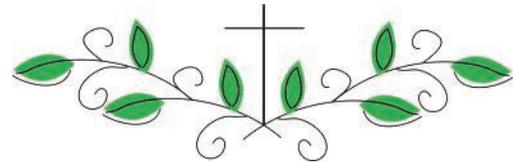
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9:00 a.m. Mass

10:00 a.m. Welcome Social for Deacon Larry

11:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 noon Welcome Social for Deacon Larry



General Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ please call the parish office for more information.

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.

Scripture Readings for July 21 & 22, 2018

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

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.



*this week's sanctuary candle
is sponsored by Shirley Wydra
in memory of Joe Wydra*

Think Unto Others....

A woman once refused to extend her hand at the Sign of Peace during Mass. At the time it seemed unfriendly, even rude to the woman next to her. But after Mass, she explained that her arthritis was painning her terribly and shaking hands would have hurt her. The woman sitting next to her felt embarrassed that she had taken offense so wrongly.

How often do we leap to a negative assessment of the motivations of another only to find out they meant nothing of the kind? Think gently of others, as you would like them to think of you.

Thoughts from our Deacon....

I want to thank everyone for such a warm welcome! Frankenmuth has always held a special place in my heart. Growing up in Bay City, our annual summer treat would be a trip to Frankenmuth and to eat at the Bavarian Inn. Years later, after marrying into a German family, my visiting in-laws would ask each time if we could come to Frankenmuth for dinner and spend the day.

The heritage, traditions and history here are extraordinary; no wonder people come here from around the world to take it all in. The two years before I was ordained a Deacon, I worked at Frankenmuth Insurance as the Life Sales Manager. After a year serving at the Cathedral, I was blessed to be back here with you!

In my role as Pastoral Administrator, I am called upon to meet the pastoral needs of the parish and day-to-day operations of the church. Working together with the great team of professionals already in place, various councils and committees, and each of you, we will continue to hold our tradition here of world-class service and worship.



Soon we will once again be offering a weekday morning liturgy. We are also planning some fun, fall events for the parish. That is the benefit of starting in the quiet portion of the calendar, before the "busyness" of fall, back to school and activities begin.

Please feel free to make an appointment or stop by and visit. Our goal is to be here for you and if there are comments or concerns, share them with me. Together, with God's loving care, guidance, grace, and blessing, we at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church will continue to thrive together.

Be well always!

Deacon Larry Deford

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ July 1-7, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions.....	\$3,135.00
Parish Debt Retirement.....	95.00
Total.....	\$3,230.00

Weekend ~ June 30 & July 1, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (137 envelopes)	\$5,903.00
Weekend Loose	720.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Mission Co-op	235.00
Weekend Total	\$6863.79

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!



The real things haven't changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful; to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong. (Laura Ingalls Wilder)

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!

No Excuses

If only I had more money, more time, more assistance, more talent. We all have a pretty impressive laundry list of why we can't be of more service to God and to others. Even Saint Paul had his "thorn in the flesh," some private difficulty that seemed to hold him back from being the apostle he sought to be.

Paul kept praying for it's removal so he could be free of this impediment. Finally, he reinterpreted the thorn: not an impediment, but an opportunity to let God be God. Maybe it's time to stop protesting and start serving!

Put God first and let Him do the rest.

All Are Welcome

*Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live.*

*A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.*

*Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place!*

*Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.*

*Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast the frees us:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place!*

*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard;
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the word.*

*Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place!*

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



Youth Ministry News

In the coming weeks, I will post thoughts from our youth leaders to describe what the Mackinac Island Retreat meant to them. (I count on these youth for their leadership.)

Thoughts from Katie Schuler: *"This was my second year attending the Mackinac Island Retreat, and I had high hopes that it would be as amazing as the first time. As expected, the trip did not disappoint, and I was blessed to have another adventure growing closer to God and my youth group! Thanks for all those who helped make it happen, especially Mrs. Cramer!"*

Wow! Summer is going by way too fast! Our youth certainly are busy with sports practices and camps, band camps, leadership camps, jobs, and family vacations. I am happy that they find some time for BT youth activities. It's a wonderful bonding experience for all to meet each other and step out of their "circle."

Last Tuesday was our annual Cedar Point trip, which was rescheduled from a day in June because of bad weather. Thanks to all youth who attended. Thanks to chaperones Deb Beyer and Dawn Braman (I couldn't do this trip without you!). Thanks to all parishioners who donated snacks.

We'll hold an Outdoor Movie Night at 9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 16 for our grades 5-8 youth and their friends. We'll view "Black Panther" which is a PG rated movie. Bring your lawn chairs and a blanket or sweatshirt. Our high school and college-age members will be on hand to serve pop, popcorn, and candy. It'll be a fun night!

We're planning a Welcome Luau for our newest youth group members in 6th grade. Watch your mail for a post-card and future bulletins for more info.

Some of our youth will perform a service project with me on Tuesday, July 17. Contact me if you'd like to know what is happening.

Vacation Bible School needs you! This event will be hosted by Blessed Trinity on July 23-26. Be a mentor to our younger community members; contact me today.

Mackinac Island Retreat alumni will meet on Monday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. Watch for a text with more info.

Prayers were answered by our youth, you, and folks from all over the world for the 12 soccer boys and their coach to be rescued from the caves in Thailand. We are strongest when we pray together!

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



Cedar Point fun!



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.

*Today, give a stranger one of your smiles.
It might be the only sunshine he sees all day.*

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.

Summer Health Tips

If you're using sunscreen and an insect repellent containing DEET, apply extra sunscreen and reapply it often. A concentration of 30% DEET spread on top of a sunscreen with SPF 15 decreases the effectiveness of the screen by about 40%, according to one study, probably because DEET is a solvent.

Combination products, containing both DEET and a sunscreen, are available, but the separate products are better because you can keep reapplying sunscreen without having to reapply the DEET.

Our sponsor of the week is:

Jack & Charlie's Pet Supply

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They make the bulletin possible.*

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* 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. * * *

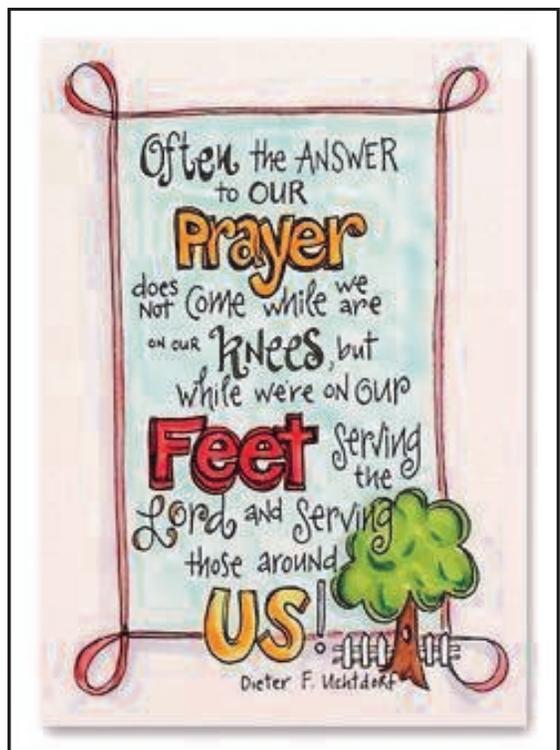
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Sponsor Sanctuary Lamp

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).



Summer Concert

The worship team at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church invites you to attend a free concert on Wednesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. featuring pianist Michelle Kuhl. She is a former accompanist for the Kings Brass and Cornerstone University. She studied piano performance at Spring Arbor University and shares her musical talent by teaching piano and performing at a variety of venues.

Don't Be Afraid to Ask

Need is all around: a sick child here, a chronically ailing elder there. Meanwhile, multitudes languish with inadequate education, or possibly a simple lack of inspiration. We all wait more desperately than we imagine for healing to come, for a word to rouse our hearts.

Hope seems unreasonable, until Jesus passes by. Those who seek his help - even seizing his garments to get it - are the ones who go away satisfied. Will we be among those who reach for what we truly need? Or will we allow the one who can restore us to pass by?

*Before you say something,
think how you'd feel if someone said it to you.*

