



## *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church*

*958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan  
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*Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
June 24, 2018*

### *Fr. Bob's Retirement Open Houses*

- \* Saturday, June 23 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m.*
- \* Sunday, June 24 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass until 3:00 p.m.*

*You are invited to join with Blessed Trinity staff, family, and friends at Open Houses in honor of Fr. Bob Byrne's retirement. Snacks and drinks will be served at each celebration. Please come!*

The longer you wait for something, the more you appreciate it when you get it. Because anything worth having is always worth the wait.

## Worship in Our Parish Liturgical Calendar

### Tuesday, June 26

8:30 a.m. Mass

### Wednesday, June 27

Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:30 a.m. Mass

### Thursday, June 28

Memorial of St. Irenaeus

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, June 29

Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul

### Saturday, June 30

Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, July 1

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass



## Scripture Readings for June 30 & July 1, 2018

Wisdom 1:13-15; 23-24

2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mark 5:21-43

## Event Schedule

### Tuesday, June 26

6:00 p.m. Tithing Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, June 27

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

## 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.

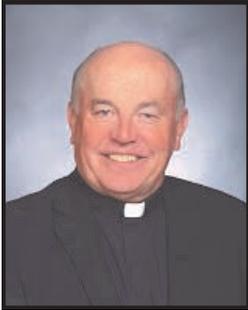
**Bulletin Submission Deadline** ~ Text and pictures for the bulletin should be emailed by 12:00 noon on Monday each week to Parish Secretary Lori Snyder at: [lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org](mailto:lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org).

## 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 Pat Proctor  
in memory of Erwin Proctor

this weekend's altar flowers  
are sponsored by G & Paula Grossi  
in honor of Fr. Bob Byrne



## Notes From Our Pastor

Next weekend (June 30 & July 1) will be my final time to celebrate Masses with you as your pastor. **Deacon Larry Deford**, Blessed Trinity's new Pastoral Administrator, will be here to assist as the deacon at all three Masses and to preach the homily.

In this column I want to briefly clarify what the position of pastoral administrator means for a parish and what the liturgical/sacramental responsibilities of a deacon are in the Catholic Church.

In the Diocese of Saginaw and in many other dioceses throughout the Midwest, many parishes have "pastoral administrators" (PA's) who are responsible for the day-to-day administration of a parish. The PA may be a priest, deacon, lay woman, or lay man who is appointed by the bishop of the diocese to lead the parish community. The PA is the designated administrator of the parish finances, personnel, property, and pastoral services.

The PA seeks the consultation and advisement of the councils and commissions of the parish (as a pastor is expected to do) but is ultimately responsible to the bishop of the diocese. PA's may be appointed for a specific term (e.g. 1 year, 3 years, etc.) or "pro-tem" (a period that is usually for up to one year but may also be extended for a period beyond one year).

In the Catholic Church, the deacon is a man ordained to the Order of the Diaconate – one of the three orders of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The other "orders" are the Order of the Presbyterate (priests) and the Order of the Episcopate (bishops).

A deacon **can** celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in ordinary circumstances (note: any Catholic can baptize when there is an extraordinary need such as the danger that someone would die without being baptized), officiate at the Sacrament of Matrimony, proclaim the gospel and preach at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Some Blessed Trinity members may remember Deacon Larry Masserang who carried out some of these ministries at this parish for a number of years.

It is important to note that a deacon **cannot** preside at Mass, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Since his appointment as PA was announced, Deacon Larry Deford has been coming to Blessed Trinity to meet with me and the parish staff. He has a great sense of humor and a deep commitment to parish ministry so I foresee a good "fit" between Deacon Larry and this parish community.

The matter of the priest (or priests) who will be coming here to preside at the weekend Masses has not yet been clarified by Bishop Cistone.

In this column next week, I will have some farewell comments.

*Fr. Bob Byrne*

## Parish Mission Statement

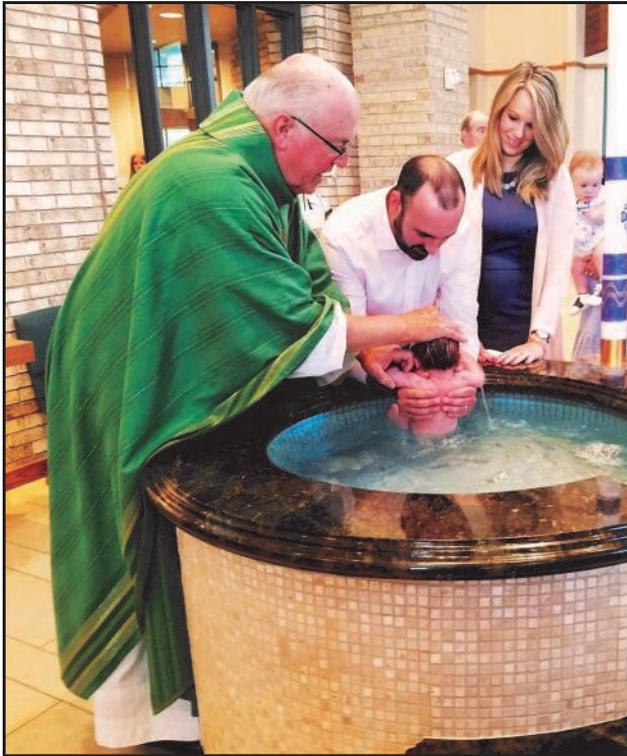
*We, the members of Blessed Trinity Parish, share a common bond of love given to us through the Mystery of the Blessed Trinity.*



*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.*



Last Sunday, Fr. Bob celebrated the baptism of Mary Elizabeth Platko, daughter of Matt & Maggie (Dodson). Welcome to the family, Mary!

Make a list of things that make you happy.  
 Make a list of things you do every day.  
 Compare the lists. Adjust accordingly.

### 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!

#### The Order of the Day

Before he came on the world stage as Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio had already put in 53 years of service to the church as a Jesuit. The Society of Jesus founded by Saint Ignatius of Loyola has served the church for nearly 500 years, with Jesuits currently working in 112 nations in a variety of apostolic ministries.

The election of Bergoglio to the papacy allows for greater visibility for all religious orders. Give thanks for all the women and men in consecrated religious life who have dedicated their lives to the People of God.

### We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ June 10 - 16, 2018

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Parish Adult Contributions ..... | \$3,375.00 |
| Parish Debt Retirement .....     | 60.00      |
| Total .....                      | \$3,435.00 |

Weekend ~ June 16 & 17, 2018

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| Parish Adult Contributions (159 envelopes) ..... | \$9,113.00  |
| Youth Contributions (3 envelopes) .....          | 2.20        |
| Weekend Loose .....                              | 1,390.00    |
| Priests Retirement Fund (89 envelopes) .....     | 4,427.00    |
| Priests Retirement Fund Loose .....              | 688.00      |
| Parish Debt Retirement (2 envelopes) .....       | 70.00       |
| Weekend Total .....                              | \$15,690.20 |

Youth Stewardship Notes: Wade's time ~ helped shovel grain bins; Keegan's talent ~ dance; Sydney's time ~ unloaded dishwasher.



Our sponsor of the week is:

### Willi's Sausage Co.

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 see the back of the bulletin.  
 Please patronize our sponsors.  
 They make the bulletin possible.

## Youth Ministry News

We were blessed to celebrate another Mackinac Island Retreat last week with some awesome parish youth leaders, who were ALL IN for our "committed" event. I can't wait to see these kids put their knowledge to work in the coming year - I'm so proud of them! We're already planning for next summer's retreat.

Our Cedar Point trip will take place on Wednesday, June 27. There are a few bus seats open. If you plan to go and haven't turned in your permission slip, please do so ASAP. Contact me today!

Youth from the Diocese of Saginaw and the Archdiocese of Detroit will gather on Wednesday, July 11 for a canoe trip in Gladwin. If you are interested in taking part, I need to know by July 1 in order to get you registered. Info is in the youth room. Contact me today!

YES Camp - Youth Encounter Saginaw - takes place this week, June 24-28. Parishioner Ashton Benkert is participating in this week of service and faith-building. I look forward to having Ashton share his experiences with our youth group.

A Movie Night will be held in July for our grades 5-8 youth. We'll watch either Jumanji or Black Panther. Majority choice wins! Watch for more info.

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

## 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).



*Our youth enjoyed their time on Mackinac Island last week for their "committed" retreat.*

## Let Go and Love

Jesus' Last Supper discourses are surely some of the most poignant passages in John's gospel. You can almost hear the urgency in Jesus' voice as he exhorts his disciples to carry on and always love one another. Just *love one another*. Three simple words, yet how difficult they are to live at times! Or at least we make them that way.

We prefer to hold on to our anger, resentment, or that small slight from this morning. We are entitled to feel the way we do - right? Yet, how much easier it is to simply let the negative feeling go. It's as easy as opening your hand.

Today, when you find yourself holding on to anger, visualize opening your hand. Let it go. Love one another.

## 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.





## 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](http://hc.cokesburyvbs.com/btccfumc) (registration forms available at both churches)
- ⇒ Questions? Email [vbs@fmuthumc.org](mailto:vbs@fmuthumc.org) or [cfox@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org](mailto:cfox@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org)

### Items to Donate?

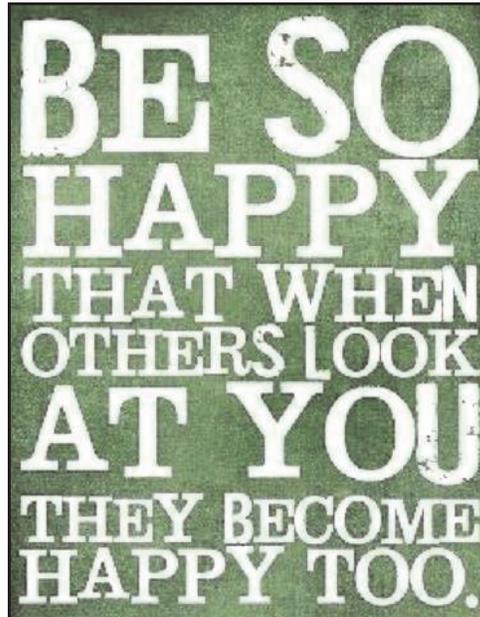
Thanks to all who bring in clothing and household donations for Emmaus House. All items are picked up on Monday mornings by a parish volunteer who delivers them to Saginaw.

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.

### Mass Recordings

We can record the entire Mass and transfer it to an audio CD that can be listened on any CD player. This is a good way for us to celebrate with those who are homebound, or perhaps you would like a copy of a specific homily.

Please contact the parish office or email Karen Smith at: [ksmith@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org](mailto:ksmith@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org) with the date of the Mass you would like. Your CD will be copied and ready for you the following weekend or another time that is convenient for you.



### Salt of the Earth

Salt is such an ordinary, inexpensive, and easily found substance in most cases nowadays that you can fail to fully grasp the profound meaning of Jesus' famous metaphor. Consider these facts. Once known as "white gold," salt is necessary for human life. It preserves, purifies, and enhances the flavor of food. It made civilization possible.

Wars have been waged over supplies of salt; it has been taxed, hoarded, traded, and used as currency; and it helped galvanize Mohandas Gandhi's nonviolent movement for India's independence from Britain. When Jesus compares his disciples to salt of the earth, he is really saying: "Your life and presence matter. In fact, you are more than valuable - you are essential." Be alert for opportunities to be salt for the world today.



Fr. Bob offered marriage anniversary blessings to the parish community last weekend. This was the large group from 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Mass for Freedom



Please join Bishop Cistone in honoring and giving thanks for the those who have fought to protect our freedom and religious liberty at a Mass for Freedom on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Saginaw.

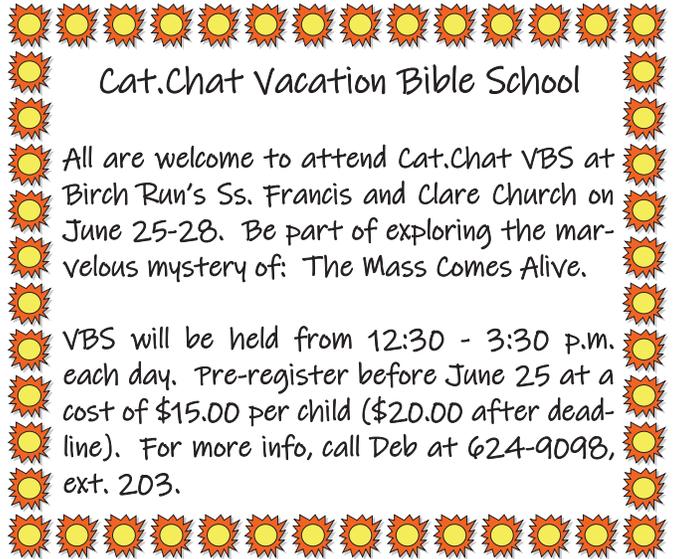
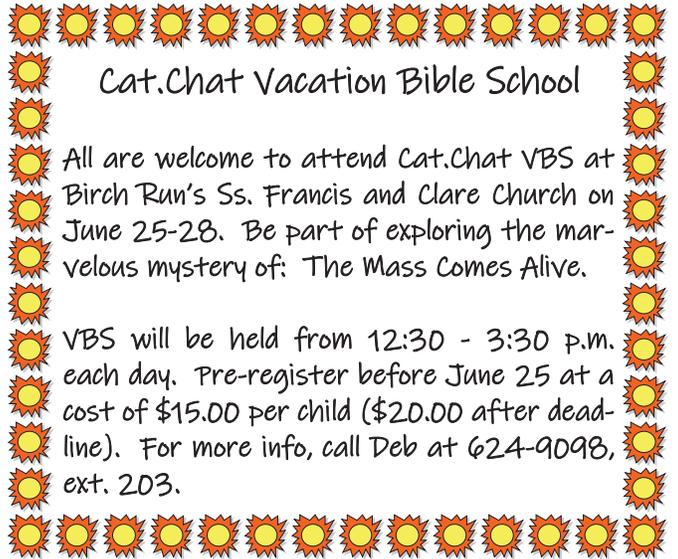
At the conclusion of Mass, a procession to the Saginaw Veteran's Memorial Plaza will take place (followed by a reception in the parish hall). All are welcome!

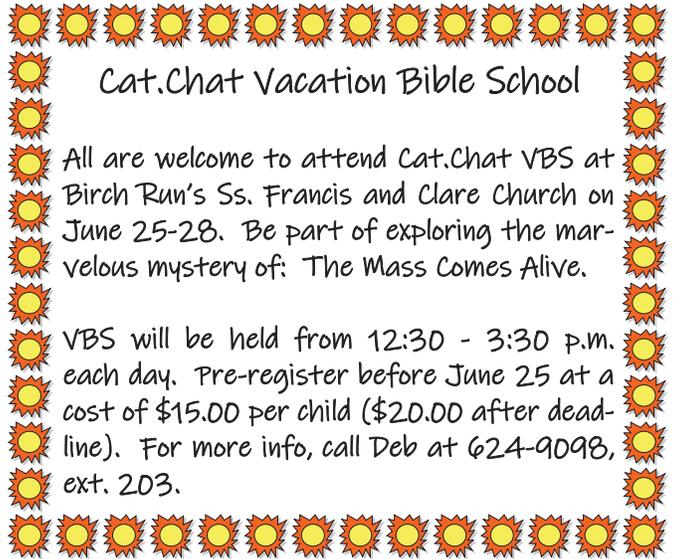
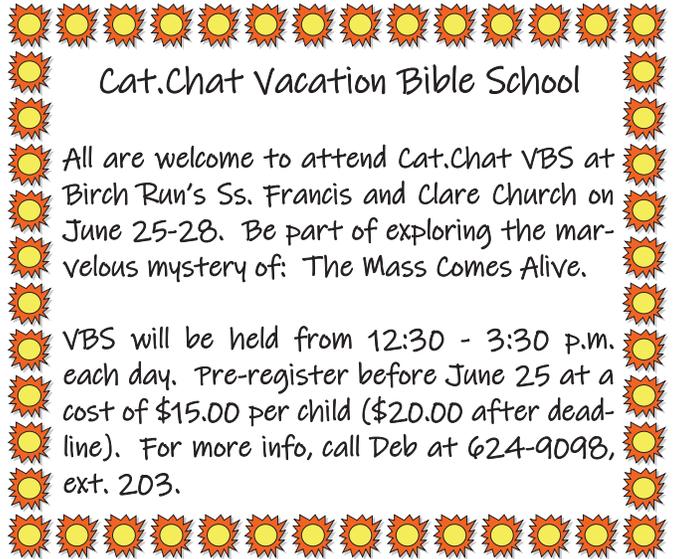
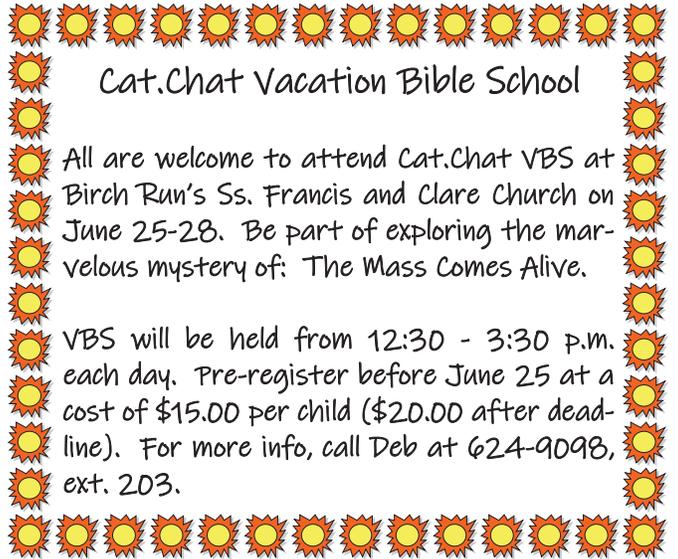
Summer Concert at FUMC

The Worship Team at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church in Frankenmuth invites all to J.A.M. ~ Jesus and Music, a concert on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m.

J.A.M. is a contemporary praise band from St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Saginaw. They play music from such groups as: The Newsboys, Michael W. Smith, Matt Maher, Third Day, and Mercy Me. Refreshments will follow the concert. All are welcome!

Nurture the spiritual ~ it is important to 'take' your children to church rather than 'send' them. They need to see that it is a priority in your life if it is ever to become a priority in theirs. In church, children find people who give them reinforcement for making the right choices.


  
**Cat.Chat Vacation Bible School**
  



All are welcome to attend Cat.Chat VBS at Birch Run's Ss. Francis and Clare Church on June 25-28. Be part of exploring the marvelous mystery of: The Mass Comes Alive.
  

VBS will be held from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. each day. Pre-register before June 25 at a cost of \$15.00 per child (\$20.00 after deadline). For more info, call Deb at 624-9098, ext. 203.
  


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