



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.

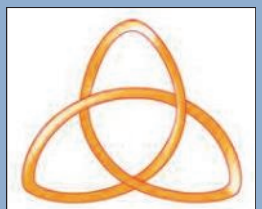
As His Son exemplifies, we humbly strive to be a learning, giving, caring, and teaching parish eager to serve, evangelize, and give generously of ourselves to others.

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.

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

*958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan
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First Sunday of Lent ~ March 9 & 10, 2019





This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, March 12

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 13

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Rosary
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
- 3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes
- 3:00 p.m. Grade 5 Visits Saginaw Rescue Mission
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at FUMC
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service at FUMC
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (led by Ginny Little)

Saturday, March 16

- 4:00 p.m. Individual Reconciliation until 4:30 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 17

Second Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word;
FF3's, FF4s & Kindergarten Classes
- 12:00 noon Reflections Dance Rehearsal
- 1:30 p.m. First Eucharist Parent & Child Prep Session
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Gathering
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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.

The quieter you become the more you can hear.

*Scripture Readings
for March 16 & 17, 2019*

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17 - 4:41

Luke 9:28b-36

*this week's sanctuary candle
is sponsored by Janie Ruhl
in memory of Ric Ruhl*

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Make Peace With Making Mistakes

The single biggest obstacle to reforming our lives is the difficulty of admitting we're wrong...about anything. Finding ourselves on the wrong side of truth is so intimidating, we grow angry, defensive, and increasingly absurd rather than capitulate our position.

Studies indicate the best eyewitnesses get 25 percent of the facts wrong. The worst eyewitnesses are 80 percent wrong! These statistics indicate what the gospel plainly says: that humility and repentance are key to finding our way to the right side of truth. The goal is not to be always right, but to be ever ready to turn around.

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator

Many of you may have noticed some of the liturgy changes we've made in the past few months, more so when we achieved a stable sacramental priest environment. Most of the changes have been updates to the General Instructions to the Roman Missal (GIRM), which took place in 2015. Previously, we as a Parish made some, but not all of the needed changes to bring us up to date. They are now complete.

At the same time, the Diocesan Liturgy Office held new commissioning rites for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) in the fall of 2015. The commissioning included an education on the GIRM updates and set aside a three-year service period, so EMHC's would embrace the gift of their service and see it as the gift it is for them and to their parish. After their initial commissioning, each parish is responsible for re-commissioning those interested in continuing their call as EMHC. The Diocese and Liturgy Office still hold initial commissioning classes through designated parishes.

I bring this up now because some have asked why the changes. Last Saturday, I had an active, long time parishioner ask for a few minutes of my time. He told me at first, he may stop being an EMHC because I had made several changes to the liturgy. He had quickly changed his mind though, because in his vacation travels within the diocese, he quickly realized each parish was doing the same thing we are or had already done so. He discovered for himself it was diocesan-driven, since its introduction a few years back and not just some idea of mine, your Parish Administrator.

Coincidentally for us, it was also time to start re-commissioning those who attended the first class, held here in September 2015. As part of our re-commissioning, Fr. T.J. Fleming and I were able to explain the initial GIRM changes again and immediately put them into practice. We held two classes and will have a third after Easter, if the "snowbirds" come home this year. The Liturgy Office tracks the date, place, and name of those commissioned and update their records for those re-commissioned by each parish.

He also told me some friends stopped going to church because we currently do not have a permanent priest. My reply to him and all our faithful: we are fortunate to live in a country where gathering together as one body in Christ is possible. Mass is a gift where we all come together, broken in some way, sharing the trials of life and are filled with the love of God through His Word and miracle in receiving the Eucharist. At the end of Mass, we are missioned out to spread God's good news!

We are a strong, thriving parish because each of us contribute in our own way. Our liturgy support team is the best in the diocese and our sacramental priest has over 30 years of experience. Please encourage those whom you know not attending to join us during the Lenten season and let their hearts be their guide. Never give up on your faith and allow God the chance to enter into your life.

Bishop Walter Hurley has led the discussion on personnel changes for this summer, holding two more meetings this week. One concept they are considering is a team approach, with maybe a permanent priest, along with an associate priest to serve two or three parishes. They are doing their best with the resources on hand to work with. I do know installing a permanent priest here is high on his list.

Continue to pray with me for the healing of our diocese, allow ourselves to prepare for the Lenten season, and find hope and promise, review the fasting card I used in my homily (found in the pews) and continue to pray for each other, a fitting permanent priest and bishop.

Deacon Larry Deford

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ~ please check the sign-in sheet before each Mass in the Sacristy. Lectors and altar servers ~ if you are unable to fulfill your role as scheduled, please find a substitute or call the parish office as a last resort. Thank you.

Wednesday Lenten Schedule

- ◆ **March 13** ~ Light meal at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church
- ◆ **March 20** ~ Light meal at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity
- ◆ **March 27** ~ Light meal at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church
- ◆ **April 3** ~ Light meal at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity
- ◆ **April 10** ~ Light meal at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church

The Sacrament of Penance During Lent

One of the powerful sources of God's mercy in our lives is in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Catholics have traditionally celebrated this sacrament of mercy during the season of Lent each year and parishes have scheduled additional times for these celebrations.

- ⇒ A Communal Penance Service with individual reconciliation will be held at Blessed Trinity on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- ⇒ St. Elizabeth Church in Reese will offer a Communal Penance Service on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Please consult your Lent/Easter Newsletter for information on opportunities for individual Penance at Blessed Trinity.

Youth Ministry News

Our grades 7-12 young men will gather for "Guys' Night In" tonight/Sunday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. with young adult leader, Pat Frahm. The evening's theme will be "in His image" with discussion on how to walk the walk and follow in the path of Jesus. Brats are on the menu and all are asked to bring a snack to share.

Last week, our youth enjoyed an evening at the Weiss Centennial Farm to discuss Lent and roll pretzels. We also discussed fasting and how Pope Francis speaks on it. Here are just a few ways to fast:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.*
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.*
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.*

Our next all-youth gathering will be on Sunday, March 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Please bring a green food item that may or may not be your favorite! We'll play bingo, learn about St. Patrick, and enjoy spending time together. Word has it that our grade 7 youth may even do a little jig for us!

Staying close to home during spring break? If so, we'll travel to a local theater to see a movie together. The movie and time is TBD, but let me know if you're interested and I'll give you the info.

She got by with a little help from her friends....Neely found her name in last week's bulletin, but will Jack McCallum find his this week? Let me know, Jack, and I'll give you your gift card at Wednesday's class!

I have an order in for our "God's Squad" white sweat-shirts. They're awesome. If you'd like one, please let me know.

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



Faith Formation News

Reminder to grades 1 & 2 parents ~ on Thursday, April 4, grade 2 students will NOT come to Faith Formation classes after school due to Confirmation that evening. Grade 1 students WILL have classes that day. List Elementary School is aware of this schedule change.

Parents of students in grades 4, 5, & 6 are reminded to send in permission slips for upcoming field trips. We have enough drivers for the grades 5 & 6 trips, but we still need parent drivers/chaperones for the grade 4 trip on March 19.

*Schedule for
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
on Sundays during Lent
from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
for grades 1, 2, & 3 students*

- *March 10 ~ Introduction to the Atrium; Mystery of Christ as the Good Shepherd*
- *March 17 ~ Psalm 23; The Found Sheep*
- *March 24 ~ Eucharistic Presence: Parts 1 & 2*
- *March 31 ~ City of Jerusalem; Cenacle*
- *April 7 ~ Mystery of Life and Death (I'm going to grow some wheat)*

Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to come to our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on all Tuesdays during Lent from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the day chapel. No matter how much or how little time you have, parishioners and guests are welcome to stop in for reflective prayer and adoration.



Parish Lenten Service Projects

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Monies saved from fasting from a favorite food or drink can be used to help others. Please take one of the provided bags and as you purchase the items needed, pray for those who will receive them.

Hospital Hospitality House of Saginaw ~ we will collect breakfast/granola bars and travel size personal care items to assist those from out of town who are staying at the Hospitality House while a loved one is in the hospital.

HIS Restoration Ministries ~ HIS Restoration helps homeless and/or single women and new mothers in many ways. We will collect diapers, wipes, and other baby items to assist them in their ministry.



Vassar Area Food Pantry ~ food pantries are not often able to help with needs such as toilet paper, tissue, feminine hygiene products or diapers, things that we take for granted but cost money that people may not have to spare. We will collect these items to assist the local pantry, 4-roll packages of toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, feminine hygiene products, diapers of all sizes.

Wellspring Lutheran Services ~ this agency does many wonderful things, including helping residents in area assisted living/nursing home facilities. Often the residents have just enough funds to cover room and board, and do not have money for necessities. We will collect gift cards that Wellspring will use on an as-needed basis for residents in need.

Stations of the Cross

On all Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m., we will offer Stations of the Cross. There are many different versions of this prayer experience and we will explore some of them. All are welcome!

Ginny Little will lead us on March 15; Joe Ricard will lead us on March 22; Deacon Larry Deford will lead us on March 29; Fr. T.J. Fleming will lead us on April 5; and Mike Snyder and Alissa Hetzner will lead us in our familiar Stations on April 12.



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.

We Are Stewards

Weekend ~ March 2 & 3, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (182 envelopes)	\$10,662.00
Weekend Loose	501.00
Children's Contributions (2 envelopes)	3.18
Parish Debt Retirement Fund (5 envelopes)	80.00
Weekend Total	\$11,246.18

Children's Stewardship Messages: Mya's time ~ babysitting; Natalie's time ~ helped pass out ice cream.



Fun at Mardi Gras!



God is saying to you today:
 "Everything will work out. I'm in complete control.
 I know what the medical report says.
 I know what the financial situation looks like.
 I see the people who are coming against you.
 I know how big your dreams are.
 And hear me clearly; I will not fail you."

Fatherhood Thoughts

Chris Stefanik

I would die for my kids, just as Jesus died for you. Jesus said yes. Jesus said yes to the Father's plan to lay down his life for us, even though he could see everything he was about to go through.

He saw how he was going to be beaten up by his own people. He saw the scourging he would undergo. He saw how he would be crucified. This is how the maker of space and time would die for us. And he said YES.

What was he saying yes for? Out of love for you. And there is proof - every time we receive the Eucharist, he shows us that he died for each of us.

This Lent, instead of praying with the usual stream of words, consider taking a moment to sit and envision the Father's gaze upon you. Close your eyes and think of his eyes looking lovingly at you today. You're his child. You're enough.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)



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 FRANKENMUTH/BIRCH RUN
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 (1mile North of Birch Run Road)



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Shrimp Dinners
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TAKE OUT OR EAT IN 11:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

• October 5, 2018 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors	• January 4, 2019 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors	• March 15, 2019 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors	• April 5, 2019
• November 2, 2018 In Honor of Veterans Day Active Military & Veterans Eat Free	• February 1, 2019	• March 22, 2019	• April 12, 2019
• December 7, 2018 SANTA VISITS 4:00-7:00	• March 8, 2019	• March 29, 2019	• April 19, 2019

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

League of Catholic Women

The LCW will hold a Day of Reflection (and lunch) on Monday, March 18 with Mass at 11:00 a.m. at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. Fr. Jose Cabrera will celebrate with us and also offer a presentation about the Holy Land. Please mail your \$10.00 check to LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, 48608 by March 11. Call 752-5053 with questions.

Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference

Catholic Men, Stand Firm! will take place on Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church in Shields. The conference will feature speaker Fr. Donald Calloway. Cost is \$25.00. More details are at www.thecatholicmen.com or email: thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com.

EMHC Formation Session

A formation session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at St. John Paul II Parish (St. Josaphat's), 469 Shattuck Rd. in Saginaw. If you haven't yet attended this diocesan-sponsored session, please do so.

Women's Lenten Retreat Day

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will offer a Lenten Retreat Day for all women of the diocese on Saturday, April 6. The event will be held at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw and run from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Retreat leader will be Fr. Bert Gohm with his theme of "Tools for Forgiveness."

Cemetery Clean-up

The Diocese of Saginaw Catholic Cemeteries ask that you remove any articles from graves, mausoleums, and niches by March 31. Items remaining after that time will be discarded to prepare for spring. Thank you.



Cost for the day is \$27.00 and includes lunch. This silent retreat will include spiritual talks, meditation time, confession, Mass, rosary, and Stations of the Cross. RSVP to Rita at 989-635-7072 by March 28.