

# *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church*

*958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan  
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*Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ March 10 & 11, 2018*

*God so loved the world.*



## *Blessed Trinity 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.*



## Worship in Our Parish Liturgical Calendar

### Tuesday, March 13

8:30 a.m. Mass  
1:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Wednesday, March 14

8:30 a.m. Mass  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service at FUMC

### Thursday, March 15

8:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Rosary  
10:30 a.m. Mass at Covenant Glen

### Friday, March 16

10:30 a.m. Mass at Independence Village

### Saturday, March 17 ~ Memorial of St. Patrick

4:00 p.m. Individual Reconciliation to 4:30 p.m.  
5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, March 18

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

9:00 a.m. Mass  
11:00 a.m. Mass  
3:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service  
at Ss. Charles & Helena, Clio



*I will be, I will be,  
I will be strength for the journey.*

## 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).

## Scripture Readings for March 17 & 18, 2018

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9      John 12:20-33

## Event Schedule

### Tuesday, March 13

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

### Wednesday, March 14

11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Study  
3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal/Social at FUMC  
8:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

### Thursday, March 15

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

### Friday, March 16

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Saturday, March 17

11:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Sunday, March 18

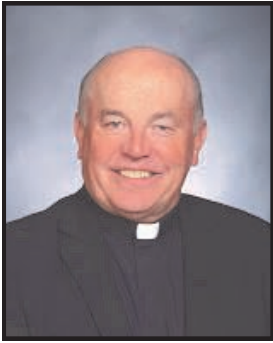
11:00 a.m. FF3's, FF4's, and Kindergarten Classes  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
3:00 p.m. First Eucharist Parent Prep Session  
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Movie Night  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## 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 Mass on the weekend, be sure to write your prayer intentions in the Book of Life in the back of church.



### Notes From Our Pastor

On behalf of all of us who enjoyed the **Family Breakfast** on Sunday, March 4, I want to thank the Blessed Trinity Men's Club for organizing this annual event and Tony and Geri D'Anna for once again providing the wonderful food for the breakfast.

Thanks also to the helpers who served the food and put everything back in order after the meal. Tony mentioned that when he ordered the fruit for the breakfast at our local Kroger store and told the manager where it was being served, Kroger donated the fruit as well. Thank you, Kroger.

It was very nice to see our renovated social hall and kitchen filled with parishioners and friends enjoying the meal and the fellowship. This is why we devoted the time and resources for the renovation project and it certainly has been worth it.

At the **Lenten Evening Prayer** last week at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church, two members of Blessed Trinity gave witness to their faith along with two members of FUMC. Brad Maki and Val Sulfaro were the speakers from our parish and their message was a blessing to all who were there. I am grateful to Brad and Val for sharing their faith with us.

Next week, I will be giving the message (preaching) at the service, again at FUMC. I do look forward to these times of prayer during Lent, especially when I do not have to lead the service or be the speaker! There is a special feeling of faith and affection when we gather with our brothers and sisters in Christian faith. I will certainly miss these gatherings in the future.

I am sorry that I had to cancel several events on the parish calendar last week due to **illness**. I lost my voice almost entirely for several days – a real handicap when you are supposed to be praying out loud or speaking to people. Thanks for your patience with me, especially those who were at the Saturday evening Mass and had to put up with my scratchy voice. I received a number of offers after the Mass for some chicken noodle soup! I don't know if the soup cures whatever ails you – but it does make you feel better.



*Fr. Bob Byrne*

*our sanctuary candle  
will burn this week  
in loving memory of  
Ric Ruhl  
from Janie Ruhl*



### We Are Stewards

*On-line Giving ~ February 25 - March 3, 2018*

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Parish Adult Contributions ..... | \$2,990.00 |
| Parish Debt Retirement .....     | 95.00      |
| Total .....                      | \$3,085.00 |

*Weekend ~ March 3 & 4, 2018*

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| Parish Adult Contributions (199 envelopes) ..... | \$10,151.00 |
| Weekend Loose .....                              | 652.00      |
| Children's Contributions (4 envelopes) .....     | 4.00        |
| Parish Debt Retirement (12 envelopes) .....      | 910.00      |
| Catholic Relief Fund (5 envelopes) .....         | 60.00       |
| Weekend Total .....                              | \$11,777.00 |

*Children's stewardship notes: Wyatt's time ~ spent the day with dad; Emma's time ~ vacuumed; Keegan's time ~ watched the dog; Mya's talent ~ dance.*





Last Sunday's Family Breakfast was lots of fun! Thanks, Men's Club!



### Scrapbooking Friends

We have a big scrapbooking project coming in the spring. As we put the project together, we need input from those who scrapbook! If you can offer us advise, please email Lori at: [lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org](mailto:lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org) or call 652-3259.

### Liturgical Ministry Sign-Up

Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Greeters are asked to sign up in the gathering area to serve for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Thank you!

### Bishop's BIG Raffle

Blessed Trinity's Men's Club will be selling tickets for the Bishop's BIG Raffle before and after Masses this weekend. Tickets are \$5.00 each with sales benefitting the Men's Club Scholarship Fund and other projects. The raffle drawing will be held on March 15. Prizes include:

- ◆ Grand Prize ~ 2018 Chevrolet Spark or \$10,000 cash
- ◆ 2nd Prize ~ \$5,000.00 Home Improvement Project
- ◆ 3rd Prize ~ Airfare for two to anywhere in the USA
- ◆ 4th Prize ~ Apple iPad
- ◆ 5th Prize ~ Laptop Computer

### 3 Ways to Grow in the Simplicity of Christ This Lent (Exerts from an article written by Claire Couche)

- ◆ Prayer changes reality. When we pray, we become closer to Christ and more open to the Holy spirit. We see the ways in which we need to change our lives and the ways we can help others. This Lent, let us set aside our best time to pray. Pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer or are in need.
- ◆ A simple life draws us closer to Christ. Lent is the perfect opportunity to grow in simplicity. This Lent, let us spend time examining our vocation and the duties it entails. Let us rearrange our days so that God and our neighbors receive our best time - not our leftover time. Let us ask ourselves if we know the poor and let us actively seek them out.
- ◆ The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Those who hold goods for use and consumption should use them with moderation, reserving the better part for guests, for the sick and the poor." Fasting from the best goods that we have and giving them to the poor can be a challenge. But it is our calling. Jesus tells us that if we wish to be great, we must be the greatest servant. We can serve others by giving them our best - our best time, our best food, our best clothes, and our best efforts to ease their suffering.

## Faith Formation News

Thursday of last week marked the half-way point of our journey through Lent. This week in Lent is a good time to share forgiveness in the family by expressing sorrow for any times when you have hurt one another.

In class this week, our students learned about the Christian call to forgive others as one wants to be forgiven. They learned, too, about finding loving solutions to problems. Today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World - a light that can turn darkness into light and troubles into joys.

Children are reminded to continue filling in their Lenten calendar and Little Purple Books this week.



Thanks to Amy McAvoy, Keith DuRussel, Jennifer Harris, and Suzanne Zink for driving and leading the stewardship activities at Medilodge and the Saginaw Rescue Mission last week. Sincere thanks to our grades 4 & 5 students for their donations of cookies and personal care items that were delivered to both agencies.

Carol Fox ~ Director of Faith Formation  
cfox@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

## Parish Lenten Service Project

Our parish family will collect items throughout Lent that will be given to various community organizations. Check out the table displays set up in the gathering area for more information on these Christian Service efforts:

- ◆ Hope Totes ~ to benefit the Saginaw Rescue Mission; take a purple shopping bag from the gathering area and fill it with the needed items; return to the parish.
- ◆ Migrant Worker Collection ~ this year we will again focus on a few specific items that are most needed for the migrant workers. A list of items will be printed in next week's bulletin.
- ◆ Personal Care Items for Food Pantries: folks are often unable to get toilet paper, tissue, feminine hygiene products, or diapers; we will collect such items for local food pantries.

## Youth Ministry News

Today/Sunday is our "Guys Night In" event from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Our theme is **In HIS Image** and the gathering will be led by young adult leader Josh Treib.

Last Sunday was a gathering where all brought their homework to work on. It was great to see youth helping youth with work and sharing community time. Anthony Harris talked about a breakout session that he attended at NCYC. It was the perfect conversation for our Lenten journey.....it gave us strength!

Cardboard City event planners met last Sunday. Thanks to youth leaders Shiloh Kotch and Nick Carter for taking charge of this event. Thanks also to young adult leader Chandler Lail for agreeing to serve. It's been many years since we've sponsored CB City, and I look forward to holding the event on April 27 & 28.

Our next youth gathering will take place on Sunday, March 18 where we'll travel to Birch Run's Cinema Hollywood to view "I Can Only Imagine." We'll meet at the parish at 6:00 p.m. - drivers are needed.

Thanks to all 2018 seniors who have sent in their pictures for the annual graduate video. I'm still looking for yours! Text me or email if you have questions.

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

*Decide what you want. Do that.*

## 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.

Our sponsor of the week is: **Mike Young Buick GMC**

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*Knights of Columbus Fish Fries*

The Birch Run/Frankenmuth Knights of Columbus Council #7233 will sponsor a Fish Fry each Friday from now until Easter at their hall at 11105 Dixie Hwy. in Birch Run.

The all-you-can-eat menu includes: fried and baked cod, french fries, baked potato, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, 3-bean salad, and Napolitano's bread. Adults are \$11.00, children 6-12 are \$5.00, and age 5 and under are free.



Shrimp is also available as a combo or as a dinner for \$12.00. Take-outs are available with \$1.00 off the eat-in price. All-you-can-drink soda pop is available for \$1.50 each. All are welcome from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Christ Before Us**

Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ to guide us all our days.

He to carry all our sorrows, He to bear us perfect grace.  
Jesus, Savior, Friend and Brother, Intercessor, Son of God,  
save your people in your dying, and in rising, conquer death.

May we be for one another all that you would have us be.  
May we live your law of kindness, love, compassion, charity.  
May we climb your holy mountain; may we see your holy face!  
Visit now this humble dwelling; dwell within this holy place.

God before us through the ages; Christ beside us here today.  
Spirit, lead us forth forever; guide and help us all our days.  
Christ the Savior, God the Living, Great Creator, Spirit blest!  
Holy three-in-one immortal, come and be our welcome guest.

O redeemer, fill your servants with your words of lasting life.  
Give to those with hands of healing love transcending pain and strife.  
Make us loving sons and daughters; make us holy, kind and true,  
sent to labor for your Kingdom restless till we rest in you.

*Heartfelt Advice for Lent*

Sometimes you have to hear messages several times before they sink in, even ones that could save your life. "Don't text and drive." "Eat healthy food." "Get enough sleep." When you do hear the messages, you might be tempted to ignore them because to act on them may be inconvenient or take away time from your other responsibilities.

But in the end, it's in your own best interest as well as those around you to take life-saving information to heart. That includes the many things from the rich Christian tradition. "Trust God." "Be faithful." "Love your neighbor as yourself." Which will you take to heart today?

*He's  
preparing  
you for  
what He's  
prepared  
for you.*

**Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser**

*NEW LOCATION ~ at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church  
958 E. Tuscola St. in Frankenmuth*



**Monday, March 19, 2018 at 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**



*catered by da Vinci's Italian Restaurant  
(includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, salad, dinner rolls, cookies, and beverage)*

*\$10.00 per person (cash or check to: da Vinci's Restaurant only)*

*Proceeds will benefit the Frankenmuth High School Track & Field Teams*

*While dining, please be sure to check out our Silent Auction tables for some great buys!  
We appreciate your support!*



*U.P. Pastie Sale - Orders Due Today!*

St. Elizabeth Parish in Reese is sponsoring a Pastie Sale with phone orders due today/Sunday, March 11. Price is \$6.00 each. Call 989-868-4566 for info or to place an order. Items are to be picked up on March 21 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

*Aquinas College Fine Arts Visit Day*

Aquinas College in Grand Rapids is hosting their 14th annual Fine Arts AQDay for high school students interested in Theatre, Music, Art, and Creative Writing on Friday, March 16 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please visit: [Aquinas.edu/fad](http://Aquinas.edu/fad) for more details or to register.

*Opiate Epidemic Presentation*

All are invited to attend a presentation on the Opiate Epidemic at Corpus Christi Parish (Holy Trinity Church), 1000 S. Wenona St. in Bay City on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. Barry Schmidt of the Neighborhood Resource Center will lead the discussion.

*Diocesan Cemetery Clean-up*

The Diocese of Saginaw requests removal of all decorations from crypts, niches, and ground spaces from these cemeteries before April 2, 2018: Mt. Olivet, St. Andrew, and Calvary Cemeteries in Saginaw; St. Patrick and St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemeteries in Bay City, Calvary Cemetery in Kawkawlin; St. Anne Cemetery in Linwood, and Old Calvary and New Calvary Cemeteries in Midland.

*Mid-life Singles Retreat*

Looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing) on April 6 - 8. Take a chance and get involved. Cost is \$175.00 for meals and a single room. Call 586-770-1772, email: [reflect.michigan@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.michigan@gmail.com), or visit: [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com) for details.