

# Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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## Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 14 & 15, 2020



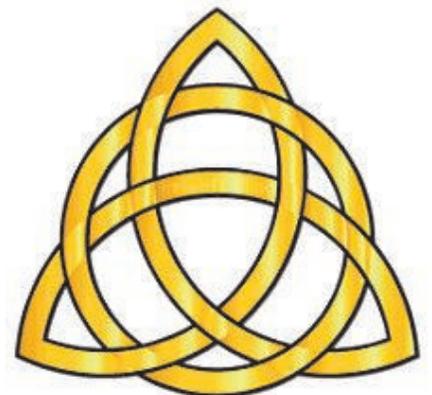
### Parish Mission Statement

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.



## This Week in Our Parish

### Sunday, March 15 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:00 a.m. FF3's, FF4's & K Faith Formation Classes;  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Gathering  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal



### Tuesday, March 17

Memorial of St. Patrick  
 8:30 a.m. Mass  
 9:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 10:15 a.m. Parish Staff Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes

### Wednesday, March 18

Memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
 8:30 a.m. Mass  
 9:00 a.m. Rosary  
 3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes  
 3:00 p.m. Grade 6 Visit to East Side Soup Kitchen  
 6:00 p.m. Atrium Level 1 Faith Formation  
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at BT  
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Presentation by Fr. Patrick

### Thursday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph  
 8:30 a.m. Mass  
 11:30 a.m. Merry Widow's Lunch at Slo' Bones  
 3:00 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 Faith Formation Classes

### Saturday, March 21

4:00 p.m. Individual Confessions until 4:30 p.m.  
 5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, March 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:00 a.m. FF3's, FF4's & K Faith Formation Classes;  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 2:00 p.m. First Eucharist Sacrament Preparation  
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Gathering  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Scripture Readings for March 21 & 22, 2020

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
 Ephesians 5:8-14      John 9:1-41

## Sponsor of the Week

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## 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.
- ◆ 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** are due by 12:00 noon on Mondays; please email to: [lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org](mailto:lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org).

## Pastoral Team

Pastor ~ Rev. Patrick Jankowiak

Pastoral Associate ~ Karen Smith

Coordinator of Faith Formation ~ Pam Daily

Director of Youth Ministry ~ Kathy Cramer

Director of Music ~ Alissa Hetzner

Music Assistant ~ Steve Holovach

Parish Secretary ~ Lori Snyder

Bookkeeper ~ Carol Maurer

Director of Maintenance ~ Fred Fitch

Maintenance Assistant ~ Phil Schmelzer

~ Commissioned Lay Ministers ~  
 Mike Snyder, Veronica Horn, Ginny Little,  
 Joe Ricard, Pam Daily, and Jackie Gere

## Notes from our Pastor

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Stop on Our Lenten Journey...** takes us to Jacob's Well near the ancient village of Sychar in Samaria. Today there is a church built over the site of the well, but the caretaker will happily take anyone down the long flight of steps to the well where Jesus Christ sat and rested. There is a hand-crank to pull the water up, but because the level of the water is quite a ways down, considerable effort is needed to bring the bucket up, so retrieving just one bucket of water usually results in fatigue. Regular wells can be like that and often require a lot of work. But the water which the Lord gives doesn't require work; it requires letting go. Whatever we carry around in our bucket has to be dumped out before it can be filled with life-giving water. It's always that way with the Lord. We have to let go before we can fully receive.



**The Bishop's Letter on Health & the Coronavirus...** can be read in its entirety on the diocesan website at [www.saginaw.org](http://www.saginaw.org). Last weekend at all the Masses I pointed out some of his major points:

1. Individuals with flu-like symptoms should stay at home to avoid spreading their illness. Those who are unable to attend Mass are invited to view the Cathedral Mass live each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on the diocesan website. (Remember that those staying home from Mass due to illness are not obligated to attend Mass.)

2. If you are troubled by the possibility of contracting an illness from others at Mass, then Bishop Gruss suggests, during the Sign of Peace, that you bow your head to those around you and say, "Peace be with you." Please respect someone's decision to not hug or shake hands. Likewise, a person's decision not to hold hands during the Lord's Prayer or any other part of the Mass should be respected. If you choose not to receive the Blood of Christ, know that you are receiving the fullness of Christ in the sacred Host.

3. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before and after Mass. The use of a hand sanitizer is a good idea also. But parishes should not make hand-purifying turn into a ritual during Mass.

4. Any other future measures that might be implemented (how people receive the Body of Christ, whether giving the Blood of Christ is suspended, whether the cross is kissed on Good Friday, etc.) would be a decision by the Bishop, not by individual pastors.

**Looking at Heaven Through an Icon:** This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. I will be giving a presentation in church on the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Using icons in prayer is not something we're used to, but it's actually a very special way of encountering the Lord. I'll have a poster-size image of the icon on an easel during the presentation, as well as smaller prints for people to look at. The presentation will last about an hour.



~ Fr. Patrick ~

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Parish Cemetery Clean-up ~ please remove Christmas wreaths, grave blankets, and other decorative items from the parish cemetery by March 31. Cemetery clean-up will then take place and any items left will be discarded by maintenance staff. Thank you.



## Youth Ministry News

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)*

Our BT guys gathered outside last week on a beautiful Sunday evening to share grilled brats, a fire, some ping pong, and great conversation. Thank you to young adult leader/youth group alum Josh Treib for leading this event while home on spring break. Thanks to our young men (from many grades) who made this event a priority. Together, they are building a Faith Community! (see picture at left)

Tonight/Sunday will be our "In the Kitchen" gathering. As we continue our Lenten Journey, we will make rice and beans and our own rice bowls as we discuss how we feed the world. We'll talk about how blessed we are and how grateful we should always be. I hope to see you tonight from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. All are welcome!

We'll offer a "lean on me" gathering on Sunday, March 22. *Who do you lean on? Who leans on you?* All friends are welcome for this evening gathering. If weather permits we will be outside.

Our grade 6 Faith Formation class on March 4 was a small group, but that didn't stop us from learning! Maddie, Gabby and Dom worked on finding bible verses and then transcribed them into their own words. The verses were about forgiveness, forgiving others, and how others forgive us. (see picture at left)

Date change for coming event: Cardboard City will be held on April 18 & 19. Please mark your calendars and begin looking for your cardboard 'home.'



2020 BT Grads ~ I'm still waiting for your pictures for the annual senior video that will be shown at our social after Baccalaureate Mass on May 17. Call me with questions.

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry  
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## Parish Lenten Service Projects

Please check out the display in the parish gathering area for information on these service projects for Lent. Labeled bags are available for you to take, fill, and return by March 29.

**Hospital Hospitality House of Saginaw** ~ breakfast/granola bars and travel sized personal care items will be collected to assist out-of-town folks who stay at the Hospitality House while a loved one is in the hospital.

**Vassar Area Food Pantry** ~ kitchen and bathroom cleaning solutions and laundry products are needed at the Vassar Food Pantry (please no brooms, mops, or buckets).

**Catholic Services Appeal Rice Bowl** ~ CRS Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family.

## Communal Penance Services

Blessed Trinity offers a Lenten Communal Penance Service (with private confession) on Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

SS. Charles & Helena Church in Clio offers a Lenten Communal Penance Service (with private confession) on Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m.

*Be the person Mr. Rogers knew you could be.*

## Faith Formation News

Our grade 4 students were scheduled to go to Medilodge on March 17. We've decided to cancel that trip in order to protect both the children and the elderly residents from potential illness.

We have decided to go ahead with the grade 6 visit to the East Side Soup Kitchen on March 18. Our students will have contact only with soup kitchen staff on that visit, which will minimize any exposure to illness. If anything changes before March 18, I'll email parents directly.

Students in the Atrium are working on Lent-related presentations. On March 8, pre-school students learned from the Mystery of Life and Death that unless a seed falls into the earth and dies, it cannot be reborn. But if it does fall into the earth and dies, it will be transformed and enjoy new life. This hope of transformation and new life is especially meaningful during Lent.

On March 11, Atrium students will hear about the City of Jerusalem. In this presentation, students see the walls that surround the city, Herod's palace, the Pools of Siloam and Bethesda, the Temple, and the Cenacle. Being able to touch and see the representation of these places brings the story of Jesus' passion alive for the children. Pictured at top right is our City of Jerusalem, which rests on the beautiful table made for it by parishioner Jim Haney.

Also pictured at right are Kindergarten students displaying their Holy Trinity shamrocks. According to legend, St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the nature of the Holy Trinity.

Grades 3 & 4 students made Easter Story Cookies on March 3. They put the cookies in the oven but the cookies weren't done until the next day. On March 10, students will get to taste and see their cookies. Be sure to ask your student about them!

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (Mark 4:26-28)

Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation  
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## The Annual "Big Raffle"

Blessed Trinity's Men's Club will sell tickets for the BIG Raffle before and after all weekend Masses during the month of March. Tickets are \$5.00 each with a portion of the sales price coming back to benefit the Men's Club Scholarship Fund and other projects. The raffle drawing will be held on April 23. Prizes include:

- ◆ 2020 Chevrolet Spark or \$10,000 cash (grand prize)
- ◆ \$5,000 home improvement project (2nd prize)
- ◆ Airfare for two to anywhere in the continental USA (3rd prize)
- ◆ Apple iPad (4th prize)
- ◆ Laptop computer (5th prize)

Any parishioners interested in selling tickets can check with a Men's Club member after Mass for more info. Call the parish office if you have questions.

**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 visiting Blessed Trinity during the week or attending weekend Mass, be sure to write your prayer intentions in the Book of Life in the back of church.





**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**  
 Frankenmuth Boy Scout Troop 275  
**Pasta Fundraiser & Silent Auction**  
 Monday, March 16th, 2020  
 Serving Dinner; 4:00 - 8:00PM  
 At Frankenmuth United Methodist Church

All you can eat  
 Mostaccioli (meat, meatless and Alfredo) and salad



**\$8 / adults**  
**\$5 / children 5-12**  
**5 & under free**

To go Boxes also available

Please come and support your local Boy Scout Troop

**Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser**  
 for Frankenmuth High School Track & Field Teams  
 catered by DaVinci's Italian Restaurant



on **Monday, March 23, 2020**  
 at 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.



at **Blessed Trinity Catholic Church's Social Hall**  
**958 E. Tuscola St. in Frankenmuth**

No waiting! All are invited! Cost is \$10.00 each for all-you-can-eat spaghetti, salad, rolls and non-alcoholic beverage. A portion of each meal price and ALL tips will benefit the Frankenmuth High School Girl's and Boy's Track & Field Teams (pay for invitational fees, purchase of needed equipment, team-building events, coaching clinics, and more). The athletes will be on hand to serve you.

Be sure to check out our Silent Auction tables and place your winning bids!  
 We'll also offer cash and carry items.

**All are welcome! Please support our teams! Go Eagles!**



**Be A Little More Careful**

Lent invites us to a conversion of heart; any practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can be the means of surrendering anger and loving more deeply. How might we do that?

Smile at everyone you encounter today. Pray for ourselves and the people (or leaders) with whom we struggle. Ask each morning for the grace to imagine a walk in the shoes of a difficult person. Work to remove the judgment from your heart, and find the courage to mend a broken relationship.

**We Are Stewards**

**On-line Giving (EFT) ~ March 1-7, 2020**

Adult Contributions.....	\$2,830.00
Parish Development Fund.....	45.00
Weekend Total .....	\$2,875.00

**Weekend ~ March 7 & 8, 2020**

Parish Adult Contributions (149 envelopes) .....	\$7,568.00
Weekend Loose .....	512.00
Parish Development Fund (3 envelopes) .....	35.00
Catholic Relief Fund (2 envelopes) .....	15.00
Weekend Total .....	\$8,130.00

If you light a lamp for someone, it'll also brighten your path.

**Daily Catholic Wisdom**

"We want to rend our hearts this Lent and see what is in them, dismissing from them, with the grace that will be given to do this, what does not belong in the heart of a Christian.

Rend the heart with prayer, with penance, with love, to see, admit, and confess in the daylight of God's love what is there....let us rend our hearts and get rid of these things with the power of Lenten grace which will be given to us.

Mother Mary Francis  
 ~ A Time of Renewal ~

If you can't get someone off your mind, pray for them. You may be the only one that cares enough to do so.



25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**FISH FRIES**  
 FRANKENMUTH/BIRCH RUN  
 Knights of Columbus  
 (1 mile North of Birch Run Road)



**Shrimp Dinners**  
**All-you-Can-Eat Cod Dinners**

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

- **October 4, 2019**      · **February 7, 2020**      · **March 20, 2020**  
 Blood Drive  
 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
 Free Dinner to Donors
- **November 1, 2019**      · **February 28, 2020**      · **March 27, 2020**  
 In Honor of Veterans Day  
 Active Military & Veterans  
 Eat Free
- **December 6, 2019**      · **March 6, 2020**      · **April 3, 2020**  
 SANTA VISITS 4:00—7:00  
 Blood Drive  
 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
 Free Dinner to Donors
- **January 3, 2020**      · **March 13, 2020**      · **April 10, 2020**  
 Blood Drive  
 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.  
 Free Dinner to Donors

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*Lenten Retreat Day*

The Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women offer a Lenten Retreat Day for all women of the diocese on Saturday, March 28 at the Center for Ministry from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Retreat leader will be Fr. Bob Byrne. Cost of the day is \$27 (includes lunch). RSVP to Rita at 989-635-7072. For more info, see the flyer posted on the gathering area bulletin board.

*Men's Conference*

The Saginaw Catholic Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 28 at Holy Spirit Church in Saginaw. See info at: [www.thecatholicmen.com](http://www.thecatholicmen.com) or see the flyer on the gathering area bulletin board.

*Cathedral Mass*

The Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, 615 Hoyt Ave. in Saginaw now offers a 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass. The Sunday Cathedral Masses are at 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.