



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 16 & 17, 2019

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

Monday, March 18

Memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Tuesday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes
- 3:00 p.m. Grade 4 Visit to Medilodge

Wednesday, March 20

- 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 6 Visit to East Side Soup Kitchen
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service

Thursday, March 21

- 3:00 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 Faith Formation Classes
- 7:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service with Individual Reconciliation

Friday, March 22

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (led by Joe Ricard)

Saturday, March 23

Memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
 4:00 p.m. Individual Reconciliation until 4:30 p.m.
 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 24

Third Sunday of Lent
 9:00 a.m. Mass
 10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m. Mass
 12:00 noon Reflections Dance Rehearsal



Scripture Readings for March 23 & 24, 2019

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9



*this week's sanctuary candle
 is sponsored by Betty Lackowski
 in memory of Clarence Lackowski*

The Last Will Be First

"Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you." The Richard Gillard hymn with this line has become familiar to many Catholics. Sung at funerals, weddings, Holy Thursday foot washings, and Sunday Mass, the lyrics touch human hearts in their eloquent call to humbly serve the needs of others.

Pope Francis, who serves the poor in word and deed, calls us to share in this journey. How can I surrender my need for recognition? How can I serve the needs of others?

*When you change the way
 you look at things,
 the things you look at change.*

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.

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator

In our readings this weekend, there is much symbolism and deep-seeded meaning found. In the first reading, God enters into a covenant with Abram. It may seem odd to us, but their covenant practice was a common ritual at the time. When two parties entered a treaty of this nature or seriousness, they would walk between the bodies of the dead animals split in half. It's been said that if one or the other party did not fulfill the nature of their treaty, they could expect the slain animal's fate.

In the covenant between God and Abram however, only one party walks between the animals; the smoking pot and flaming torch represent God, who enters into a covenant of unending fidelity to Abram and his descendants. Even if Abram's relatives fail the covenant, the Lord our God remains faithful.

In both the first reading and the Gospel reading, darkness and light play a big role. In the first reading, Abram fell into a trance as terrifying darkness enveloped him, while God's presence is depicted in the smoking pot and flaming torch. In Luke's Gospel, as Jesus was praying, his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white, as he conversed with Moses and Elijah. The disciples, meanwhile having been overcome by the sunlight and heat, fell asleep. As a cloud (Old Testament symbolism) came over them as they awoke and were speaking to Jesus, they became frightened.



In liturgy, we express our beliefs through symbolism. We state Christ dispels the darkness of our hearts and minds as we light the Paschal fire at Easter Vigil. Like Moses and the disciples today, we are called to enter into the dark places in our hearts, minds and souls, allowing the light of Christ to shine forth through us. The light of Christ, always present in our lives and darkest moments, is symbolized by the Paschal candle we light from the Easter fire lit in the dark of night.

May each of us search the darkness in the quietness of our lives and be open to allowing the light and love of Christ to enter, filling us completely.

Deacon Larry Deford

Resources for Lent

(from Deacon Larry Deford)

On our journey through the Lenten season, there are many websites, books, and magazine articles that can be used for food along the way:

- ⇒ Bishop Robert Barron offers daily readings and reflection, emailed directly to you. Through his affiliation with 'Word on Fire,' there are also many resources.
- ⇒ Karen Smith and I subscribe to 'FaithND' for daily readings, reflections, and information on Saint of the Day from Notre Dame.
- ⇒ "The Word Among Us" magazine has a Lenten edition and available in our gathering area.
- ⇒ Following the 'Magnificat' monthly prayer books is a very, rich resource of daily prayer and insights.
- ⇒ Copies of Henri Nouwen's "Can You Drink the Cup" were given to the parish staff; I have read this many times during Lent and feel it always brings about special insights.
- ⇒ This year, I am reading "Lenten Healing" by Ken Kniepmann. It's a book of fasting around the Four Sevens: Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Contrary Virtues, Seven Deadly Wounds, and Seven Signs of Healing.

May you search for the resources best suited for your Lenten journey this year.

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.

God bless our family
 and all its members and friends;
 bind us together by your love.
 Give us kindness and patience
 to support each other
 and wisdom in all we do.
 Let the gift of your peace
 come into our hearts
 and remain with us.
 May we rejoice in your blessings
 for all our days.
 Amen.

Wednesday Lenten Schedule

- ◆ **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

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.



May God give us wisdom
to make good decisions,
courage to take
the necessary risks,
unshakable hope to maintain
a steadfast Spirit,
good humor to keep things
in perspective,
and deep TRUST
so that as we risk,
we remain grounded in God.

The Sacrament of Penance

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.

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!

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.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ February 24 - March 2, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions.....	\$2,795.00
Parish Debt Retirement.....	50.00
Total.....	\$2,845.00

On-line Giving ~ March 3-9, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions.....	\$1,200.00
Parish Debt Retirement.....	10.00
Total.....	\$1,210.00

Weekend ~ March 9 & 10, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (134 envelopes)	\$5,539.00
Weekend Loose	686.93
Children's Contributions (2 envelopes)	1.50
Parish Debt Retirement Fund (1 envelope).....	10.00
Catholic Relief Services (1 envelope)	20.00
Weekend Total	\$6,257.43

Children's Stewardship Messages: Abigail's talent ~ helping.

Grades 1, 2 & 3 students are welcome to attend **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** on Sundays during Lent from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. ~

- 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



Mardi Gras fun!

Faith Formation News

The Atrium is open on Sunday mornings during Lent from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. for children in grades 1, 2, & 3. We will explore the parable of the Good Shepherd, read Psalm 23, visit the City of Jerusalem, and listen to an account of the Last Supper. If you haven't been able to come every week, don't worry. Your child will still have the opportunity to hear the presentations and work with the materials.

Our grade 5 students visited the City Rescue Mission on March 13. Grade 6 students will visit the East Side Soup Kitchen on March 20. Watch for photos in upcoming bulletins.

Grade 4 students will visit Medilodge in Frankenmuth on March 19. Parent/grandparent drivers are needed; please contact me if you can help.

Parents and grade 2 students will meet today/ Sunday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. for First Eucharist Preparation. These children will be confirmed on April 4 and receive First Eucharist on May 5. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments.

*Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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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.



May God bless us with the joy of knowing that we have acted out of love, that we have done our best, and that we have served Him with all our hearts.

Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday is our St. Patrick's Celebration from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Please bring a green food item to share!

Thank you to Pat Frahm for leading last Sunday's "Guys' Night In" and for being a wonderful role model for our young men. Thanks to all BT guys who made the evening a priority. You are BT! (See group picture above.)

If you are going to be close to home over spring break and want to join in for our movie night, remember to text me for info. We'll travel to Birch Run's Cinema Hollywood - popcorn is on BT.

We'll gather for in-service on Sunday, March 31 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Watch for more info.



As we walk this Lenten journey together, we are reminded of our Friday evening Stations of the Cross events. What a powerful reminder of what Jesus endured for us as we continue to fast from unkind words, negativity, and selfishness. Join in at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

April postcard event reminders will be mailed by the end of March. Our first event will be a 12-hour Fast on April 6 & 7. This event will take place only with high school leadership. See details and sign up in the youth room.

NCYC - National Catholic Youth Conference - will take place on November 21-24 in Indianapolis, IN. I need to reserve our spots with a deposit to the Diocese of Saginaw. Any interested youth in grades 9-12 (2019-2020) should contact me for a reservation.

Ella Harden ~ are you reading the bulletin? If so, contact me for your gift card!

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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24th Annual

FISH FRIES

FRANKENMUTH/BIRCH RUN
Knights of Columbus
(1mile 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 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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Cemetery Clean-up

The Diocese of Saginaw Catholic Cemeteries ask that all articles from graves, mausoleums, and niches be removed by March 31. Thank you.

Lay Ministry Program

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge of scripture and Catholic theology? Do you want to strengthen and deepen your relationship with God? Come and learn about the Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program at one of these meetings:

- ◆ Saturday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John XXIII Parish Center, 151 St. Mary Dr. in Hemlock
- ◆ Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St. in Saginaw

For more info, please call Kellie Deming at 989-797-6609.



Lenten Retreat: Jesus - The Way of Beauty

All women and men are invited to this 3-day retreat on March 29-31 which will help you grow in intimacy with Christ through an experience of music, art, literature, and the Saints. For more info, call 989-797-6607 or email: centerforministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org.

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. Speaker will be Fr. Donald Calloway. For more info, see www.thecatholicmen.com or email: thecatholicmensaginaw@gmail.com.

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." For more info or to RSVP, call Rita at 989-635-7072.