



*“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit,
nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.....”*

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ March 2 & 3, 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.*

I Will Be the Vine

*I will be the vine, and you will be the branches.
All you who live in me will never, never die.
I will be the sign. I will offer many chances;
so live, oh live in me, and you shall have new life.*

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, March 4

Memorial of St. Casimir

Tuesday, March 5

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes
6:00 p.m. Parish Mardi Gras Celebration

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
12:00 noon Ash Wednesday Mass
3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass

Thursday, March 7

Memorial of Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

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

Friday, March 8

Memorial of St. John of God

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 9

Memorial of St. Frances of Rome

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

Sunday, March 10

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast to 1:00 p.m.
(in parish social hall)
11:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word;
FF3's, FF'4s & Kindergarten Classes

*this week's sanctuary candle
is sponsored by Vern & Ginny Little
in memory of Marilyn Little*

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.



Scripture Readings for March 9 & 10, 2019

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator

This past week I have been away with most of my family in a warmer climate, enjoying time together and a little recharge before the Easter season. Each of us must take time to prepare our hearts, minds and souls for the most holiest season of the year.

Our Gospel reading this week is a culmination of Jesus's travels with the disciples, spreading the Good News along the way, performing miracles and adding numbers to those who believe in the long-awaited Messiah. When Jesus speaks, people can feel the truth of his teachings are from his heart. He is sincere in what he promises and what is not promised for the people.

Luke tells us the parable of the blind guide leading a blind person, then the brother drawing attention to the splinter in the brother's eye while not noticing the wooden beam in his own. He goes on to talk about good fruit only comes from a good tree and how a good person of the heart produces good, while an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil.



These parables are told at this time of the year for one reason --- we are asked to be more introspective in our lives and examine our consciousness in preparation for a meaningful, Lenten journey. For six weeks, we step out of our normal schedules and take time to rate ourselves, our own lives and how we can improve our walk with Christ.

Some of these ways we need to do on our own, through reading, praying, and quiet time just being with God. It's not a time to judge ourselves harshly, blame ourselves, or beat ourselves with what we may not have done. Lent is a fresh slate and provides a fresh start on how we can make small changes to improve our discipleship. It can be as little as reading the little black prayer books provided during Lent or taking ten minutes to pray at the beginning or end of each day.

Other prayers we offer as a faith community and can be powerful. We have prayer opportunities on Wednesday evenings, in conjunction with Frankenmuth United Methodist Church and each Friday of Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. This year we will offer a Communal Penance Service with individual confessions, along with several private confession opportunities.

You are invited to take advantage of our Lenten offerings and discover for yourselves how you can grow in faith and enhance your walk with Christ.

Deacon Larry Deford

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

On-line Giving ~ February 17-23, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions.....	\$1,940.00
Parish Debt Retirement	70.00
Total	\$2,010.00

Weekend ~ February 23 & 24, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (132 envelopes)	\$5,042.00
Weekend Loose	500.00
Children's Contributions (2 envelopes)	3.24
Weekend Total	\$5,545.24

Do what you can and pray for what you cannot yet do.

All are welcome at this Blessed Trinity Parish event!



PARISH
MARDI GRAS
PARTY

TUESDAY	March 5th	Place: Parish Social Hall	Time: 6-8pm
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Fellowship
Play cards and games
POTLUCK—
Get ready to fast during Lent.
Bring your favorite dish to share.
Crafts
"Selfie" Photo Booth

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.



Electronic Tithing

Electronic giving to your parish helps establish your stewardship as a priority. Once you authorize the amount of your contribution, it is electronically transferred to the parish account on the dates you specify. For more info, call Parish Bookkeeper Carol Maurer at 652-3259.

The Bishop's Annual "Big Raffle"

Blessed Trinity's Men's Club are selling tickets for the BIG Raffle before and after all weekend Masses on coming weekends. 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 March 14, 2019. Prizes include:



2019 Chevrolet Spark or \$10,000 cash (grand prize)
\$5,000 home improvement project (2nd prize)
airfare for two in the continental USA (3rd prize)
Apple iPad (4th prize)
Laptop computer (5th prize)

Buy your ticket today!

Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday, our grades 7-12 youth will travel to the Weiss Farm (5450 Weiss Rd. - blue farmhouse on the west side of the road) for our annual Pretzel Rolling Event from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 each (unless you were present at last week's Movie Night - in that case, you're free!). We'll also discuss the beginning of our Lenten journey. You'll be able to take some pretzels home. If you need a ride, contact me.

Last Sunday we held a Movie Night. Young Adult Leader Jen Harris greeted all who attended and supplied pizza and pop. Thanks to Jen for being a great role model.

Youth Ministry March event postcards were mailed last week. If you didn't receive one, please let me know. We have a full month of great gatherings, and I hope you can all attend!

Sunday, March 10 is "Guys Night In" at BT from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. How are you called to be a gentleman? Walk like Jesus.....

National Catholic Youth Conference will be held in Indianapolis, IN on November 21-24, 2019. This incredible event hosts 25,000+ Catholic youth and adults from all over the country and is open to youth in grades 9-12. I have to reserve BT's spots this month. Please let me know ASAP if you'd like to go.

2019 graduate pics are coming in, but I'm still missing yours! Please get them to me.

Our 6th grade youth received permission slips for their coming visit to the East Side Soup Kitchen. Please have the slips signed and returned to me by March 6.

With a little help from his friends, Joey Furbush found his name in last week's bulletin. Will Neely Cornelius see hers this week?

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation News

Coming events:

March 5 ~ Mardi Gras Celebration from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for all parishioners; grades 5 & 6 students have been asked to help with games for the younger children; we hope to see you there!

March 13 ~ grade 5 students will visit Saginaw Rescue Mission from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; parent drivers & chaperones are needed; permission slips have been sent home (please check your child's folder)

March 13 ~ grade 6 students will visit East Side Soup Kitchen from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.; permission slips have been sent home (please check your child's folder)

March 17 ~ Parent & Child Training Session for First Eucharist from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

March 19 ~ grade 4 students will visit Medilodge; from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.; parent drivers & chaperones are needed; permission slips have been sent home (please check your child's folder)

Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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Join Us in the Atrium for
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

for grades 1, 2 & 3 (level 2)
all Sundays during Lent
at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Diocese of Saginaw News

Please read the following statement from Bishop Hurley regarding the State Attorney General Investigation:

I fully agree with Attorney General Dana Nessel that victims of child sexual abuse deserve to be heard, and their abusers brought to justice.

To the best of our knowledge, the Diocese has not entered into non-disclosure agreements involving child sexual abuse by clergy and we have no intention of doing so in the future.

The Diocese pledges ongoing cooperation with the Attorney General's investigation. If informed of an allegation of child sexual abuse, we will continue to turn the information over to law enforcement immediately.

We have not been notified by the Attorney General's office of any accusations against any priest in active ministry. If we are notified, the accused would be placed on administrative leave immediately and we would follow the lead of law enforcement regarding the investigation.

I echo Attorney General Nessel's request to anyone with reason to believe abuse has occurred: Please notify law enforcement immediately or call the Attorney General's abuse hotline at 844-324-3374.

As I stated earlier this week, these are difficult times for everyone – victims and their families, the church and our community. We will continue to support the healing of victims and promote child safety.

Parish Mission with Steve Angrisano

St. Agnes Parish in Freeland invites all to join them for a pre-Lenten Mission on:

- ◆ Sunday, March 3 (soup supper at 5:45 p.m. and Mission at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)
◆ Monday, March 4 (soup supper at 5:45 p.m., individual reconciliation at 6:00 p.m., Mission at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)
◆ Tuesday, March 5 (soup supper at 5:45 p.m., Mission at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

St. Agnes welcomes Steve Angrisano as speaker and music leader. For more info, see the flyer posted in the gathering area or call 989-695-5652.

Decorative border containing the text: Hope To Those Facing Cancer. All too often we hear that someone we know is facing cancer. A friend, relative, or neighbor - or a colleague, church member, customer, patient, care receiver, or client - receives the devastating news of a cancer diagnosis. During such a difficult time, we want to reach out with support and care, to offer help and hope. But how? A simple, powerful way is to give a copy of Cancer - Now What? This book from Stephen Ministries is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer. If you might be interested in this book, please call the parish office.

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. Includes dates for blood drives and dinners from October 2018 to April 2019. Contact: 11105 Dixie Hwy, Birch Run, MI 48415 (989) 624-9860 www.kofcbirchrunmi.com

Frankenmuth Senior Center Local folks who are age 60+ are invited to gather at the Frankenmuth Senior Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall basement (elevator available). Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day; cost is \$2.00 per person (milk or coffee an additional .25c) RSVP for lunch at 652-3430, ext. 197. Each week's menu is printed in the Frankenmuth News.

Prayer Partners Needed

CrossRoads Counseling Ministries enlists the help of Christians to become 'prayer partners' for each of our clients. The prayer partner and the client will never know who the other is. Since our ministry is growing, we are in need of your help.

Each client or the counselor for the client fills out a prayer request which is mailed to the designated prayer partner. The prayer partner then can send a card of encouragement to the client through CrossRoads, or just simply pray for the person.

If you are interested in being part of such a ministry or would like more info, please call Wanda at 652-0764.

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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 15-17 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. Apply online at: wwwme.org or call 734-531-9191.

Retreat for Mid-life Singles

Are you 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 on March 22-24. Cost is \$185.00 for meals and single room. Call 586-770-172, email reflect.michigan@gmail.com or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

