

## *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.*

## *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church*

*958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan*

*989-652-3259*

*Third Sunday of Lent ~ March 3 & 4, 2018*



*Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."*

## Worship in Our Parish Liturgical Calendar

### Tuesday, March 6

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

### Wednesday, March 7

Memorial of Ss. Perpetua and Felicity  
8:30 a.m. Mass  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service at Blessed Trinity

### Thursday, March 8

Memorial of St. John of God  
8:30 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Rosary  
10:30 a.m. Mass at Medilodge



### Friday, March 9

Memorial of St. Frances of Rome

### Saturday, March 10

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

### Sunday, March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
9:00 a.m. Mass  
11:00 a.m. Mass

## Scripture Readings for March 3 & 4, 2018

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10      John 3:14:21

## Event Schedule

### Tuesday, March 6

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes  
3:00 p.m. Grade 4 Visits Medilodge  
5:30 p.m. Faith Formation Commission Meeting

### Wednesday, March 7

11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Study  
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/Social at Blessed Trinity

### Thursday, March 8

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

### Friday, March 9

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Saturday, March 10

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

### Sunday, March 11

11:00 a.m. FF3's, FF4's, and Kindergarten Classes  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry "Guys Night In"  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

*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.

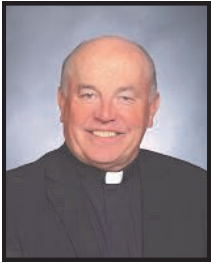
**Anointing of the Sick** ~ A communal celebration is celebrated in October. Individual anointing is available whenever requested.

**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).





## Notes From Our Pastor

On Tuesday of this past week we celebrated funeral rites for **William (Bill) Dudewicz Sr.** Bill died in Saginaw on February 20 at the age of 90. He was a licensed pharmacist and owned and operated a drug store and grocery store for many years in South Saginaw. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends. May he rejoice in God's eternal peace.

Blessed Trinity members will soon be receiving the **Catholic Services Appeal** letter and pledge form for this year's campaign (2018-2019). The money that is pledged and given through the annual CSA supports the work of Bishop Joseph Cistone and the Diocese of Saginaw.

The assessment for Blessed Trinity this year is \$82,436.00. This is slightly higher than last year's assessment of \$79,073.00. Through the generous response of so many parishioners, pledges and gifts from Blessed Trinity have far surpassed our assessments for a number of years. I am confident that we will have a very successful appeal again this year.

When you receive the letter from Bishop Cistone, please fill out the response form and return it to Blessed Trinity as soon as you can. You can drop the envelope in the regular collection or mail it to the parish office. Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic ministry of our parish and of the Diocese of Saginaw.

Our Lenten Service this Wednesday at Blessed Trinity will include a homily from **Pastor Mark Karls** of Frankenmuth United Methodist Church. He is excited about speaking at the service and I am looking forward to hearing his message. There will be a meal provided by the Blessed Trinity Men's Club that begins at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall. Food will be available until 6:30. There is no charge for the meal but donations will be accepted for the East Side Soup Kitchen in Saginaw. The prayer service begins at 7:00 p.m. and will last for about an hour.

*Fr. Bob Byrne*

## We Are Stewards

*On-line Giving ~ February 18 - 24, 2018*

Parish Adult Contributions .....	\$1,870.00
Parish Debt Retirement .....	65.00
Total .....	\$1,935.00

*Weekend ~ February 24 & 25, 2018*

Parish Adult Contributions (174 envelopes) .....	\$19,442.00
Weekend Loose .....	805.00
Children's Contributions (4 envelopes) .....	10.26
Parish Debt Retirement (4 envelopes) .....	10,050.00
Weekend Total.....	\$30,307.26

*Children's stewardship notes: Grace's time ~ cleaning; Maria's talent ~ singing; Ben's time ~ kindness; Gabby's time ~ share more with friends.*



## 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.

*An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. When life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it's going to launch you into something great. So just focus, and keep aiming.*



## Mindfulness 101

Be aware of your surroundings. Look where you're going. Think before you speak. Remember to breathe. Be here now. Pithy reminders to be mindful have been sprinkled into the popular diet for so long, they tend to join the background noise we train ourselves to ignore.

Mindfulness isn't just for monks and yoga fans. Jesus invites us to live in watchful awareness of our times, ready to respond in any given situation. Practice being present to every person and each hour today. Where is the Spirit drawing you this Lenten season?

## 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 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; pick up 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.



## Do You Scrapbook?

We have a parish scrapbooking project coming up in the spring and could use your help! If you have some free time and could offer some guidance on this project, we would love to speak with you. Please email Lori at: [lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org](mailto:lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org) or call 652-3259.

*Pray. Pray often. Pray with faith.  
Pray knowing that it makes a difference.*

## Bishop's BIG Raffle

Blessed Trinity's Men's Club will be selling tickets for the Bishop's BIG Raffle before and after Masses on the coming weekends. Tickets are \$5.00 each with sales benefiting 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

## Living as Missionary Disciples

The Penitential Rite during Mass reminds us that we have an ongoing need for forgiveness. It allows us to recall God's infinite mercy and love. It challenges us to resist returning to sinful tendencies once we leave Mass. It teaches us humility.

As Missionary disciples, there are things we can learn from the Penitential Rite. Knowing we have encountered God's merciful love, we are called to share this love with others. We are invited and challenged to live with humility, to forgive as God forgives, and to refrain from judging others.

May we have the strength to live what we have experienced.

## Faith Formation News

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds the buyers and sellers in the temple that it is a place of prayer. His cleansing of the temple reminds us that the real temple of God lies within us. We have the days of Lent to make a special effort to become less selfish and more loving and to renew and deepen our relationship with God and each other.

Concentrate this week on finding a time for family prayer either at mealtime, bedtime, or early morning. Be sure to include prayers for the needs of people you know or the needs of people who are suffering in our community and around the world.

Students are reminded to complete a page per day in their Little Purple Lenten Books and a box each day on their Lenten calendars.

Parents of grades 4 & 5 students are reminded to return their child's signed permission slip and send a package of store-purchased cookies for the following Lenten stewardship trips this week:

- ◆ Grade 4 visit to Medilodge on Tuesday, March 6 at 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Grade 5 visit to Saginaw Rescue Mission on Wednesday, March 7 at 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (NOTE RETURN TIME)

Parent or grandparent chaperones/drivers are needed for these two trips. Please let me know if you can help us out.

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



Miss Harris and her 4th grade Faith Formation students enjoyed last Tuesday's beautiful weather by spending some classroom time outdoors.



Friends are the bacon bits in the salad bowl of life.

## Youth Ministry News

Our grades 7-12 youth will gather tonight/Sunday at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for a study night. Bring your homework or any project that you need to work on. Dress in comfortable clothing! Senior leaders Courtney Aldrich and Anthony Harris will share information on a session that they attended at NCYC. Bring your friends!

Our grade 6 youth have been blessed with some incredible role model leaders this year. We are building a faith community and I believe it is so important for our younger members to see the Catholic Faith through the eyes of our upper classmen and others.

"Guys Night In" for all in boys in grades 7-12 will take place on Sunday, March 11. The theme is "In His Image" and the retreat evening will be led by Josh Treib. Watch for a postcard in the mail with all info.

Details for our upcoming Cardboard City event will be posted in next week's bulletin. This event takes a lot of planning. If you are interested in taking part, you will need to register. Read the bulletin, check out the youth room bulletin board and keep an eye on our Facebook page. Friends are welcome.



Our grades 7-12 youth will gather to view "I Can Only Imagine" at Cinema Hollywood on Sunday, March 18. Drivers will be needed.

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



### 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 mile snorth 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.

### Concert at NCCHS

Recording artist, Amanda Vernon, will perform a family-friendly concert on Thursday, March 8 at Nouvel Catholic Central High School's Performing Arts Center at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each. All proceeds will benefit the NCC band program.



Amanda Vernon is a recording artist who speaks to authentic beauty through music. She has performed across the United States, Mexico, Canada, Australia, and Europe. For more info, call 989-399-2230 or email: [kbreasbois@sacschools.org](mailto:kbreasbois@sacschools.org).

### Eucharistic Minister Formation Sessions

The Diocese of Saginaw offers the following formation sessions for folks who are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

**Saturday, March 10 at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, June 16 at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

Both sessions will be held at St. John Paul II Parish (formerly St. Josaphat Church) at 469 Shattuck Rd. in Saginaw. All are welcome.



### Sensatez y Discernimiento Camino del regreso al Padre

Los invitamos a un día de reflexión **en español** sobre Sensatez y Discernimiento como Camino de regreso al Padre. Juntos haremos una reflexión que nos ayude a pasar de lo reflexivo pasivo a lo práctico piadoso durante el tiempo de Cuaresma. Padre Daniel Rodriguez de la Diocesis de Kalamazoo será el presentador. Sábado, el 10 de marzo de 2018, de las 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. en el Centro para el Ministerio, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw, MI 48603. El costo para asistir es solamente \$5, incluye deysayuno continental. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano, (989) 797-6646 o [hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:hispanicministry@dioceseofsaginaw.org) para registrar.