



*Blessed Trinity Catholic Church*

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

*989-652-3259*

*Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord ~ May 13, 2018*

### *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

**Monday, May 14** ~ Feast of St. Matthias

**Tuesday, May 15** ~ Memorial of St. Isidore

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, May 16**

8:30 a.m. Mass

**Thursday, May 17**

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

10:30 a.m. Mass at Covenant Glen

**Friday, May 18** ~ Memorial of St. John I

10:30 a.m. Mass at Independence Village

**Saturday, May 19**

1:00 p.m. The Wedding of

Gregory Kociba and Sara Krzyzaniak

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

**Sunday, May 20**

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass



*Life doesn't come with a manual,  
it comes with a mother.*

## 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 May 20, 2018

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

1 John 4:11-16

John 17:11b-19

## Event Schedule

**Tuesday, May 15**

6:00 p.m. Christian Service Commission Meeting

**Wednesday, May 16**

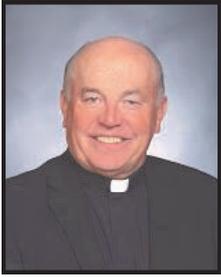
11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Class (last session)



*Happy Mother's Day to our awesome moms!*

*our weekend altar flower arrangements  
are sponsored by Dan & Joan Peterson  
in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary*

*our sanctuary candle will burn this week  
in loving memory of Ed & Louise Byrne  
and Henry & Anna Keeler  
by Bill Sleno*



## Notes From Our Pastor

This past weekend I shared the news from the Diocese of Saginaw that Bishop Joseph Cistone is not able to assign a priest at the present time to serve as pastor of Blessed Trinity Parish after my retirement on July 1, 2018.

So the Bishop is appointing Deacon Larry Deford as temporary pastoral administrator for this parish. As pastoral administrator, he will have authority and responsibility for the administrative and pastoral services at Blessed Trinity. As a deacon, he can celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, officially witness the Sacrament of Matrimony, preach at the celebration of the Eucharist, and preside at liturgies outside of Mass.

A priest will be assigned as a Sacramental Minister for Blessed Trinity and will be responsible for presiding at the weekend Masses and other sacramental ministries that must be celebrated by a priest (funeral Masses, weddings with Mass, the Sacrament of Penance, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick). At the present time, the Bishop has not announced who that priest will be.

I have to admit that I was surprised by this announcement. I had anticipated that a priest would be assigned here as pastor. However, the availability of priests for parish assignments is very limited in our diocese (and in many other dioceses in our country). Many other parishes, large and small, do not have priests assigned on a full-time basis and Blessed Trinity is now among them.

The fact that Deacon Deford is being appointed on a temporary basis means that Bishop Cistone intends to appoint a priest as pastor here as soon as he is able to do so.

Deacon Larry Deford was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2017. He has lived in Midland for more than 30 years, has been a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Midland for many years and served that community as a commissioned lay minister. His business career has been in the insurance industry until his retirement in 2017. For the past year he has served as a deacon at St. Mary Cathedral in Saginaw.

He and his wife, Connie, have been married for more than 30 years and they have three adult children. They are presently living in Auburn and will be moving to the Ann Arbor area when their new house there is completed. He will be at Blessed Trinity on a full-time basis but will be commuting to Frankenmuth from Auburn.

Finally, the Bishop has officially approved my change to what is called "Senior Priest Status" since priests do not technically "retire" from ministry. I have been asked to serve as a Sacramental Minister at another parish in the Saginaw area but that has not been finalized as yet. There are needs for priests at many parishes at the present time.

*Fr. Bob Byrne*

### We Are Stewards

*On-line Giving ~ April 29 - May 5, 2018*

Parish Adult Contributions .....	\$3,135.00
Parish Debt Retirement .....	95.00
Total .....	\$3,230.00

*Weekend ~ April 28 & 29, 2018*

Parish Adult Contributions (179 envelopes) .....	\$11,318.00
Children's Envelopes (2 envelopes) .....	2.05
Weekend Loose .....	813.00
Parish Debt Retirement (2 envelopes) .....	40.00
Weekend Total .....	\$11,173.05

### Scrapbook Workshop #2

Back by popular demand! We will hold a second Scrapbook Workshop on Sunday, May 27 after both morning Masses in the social hall. Bring a photograph or two, maybe a written note, and an idea for your page.

Parish members will be on hand with gadgets and extra items to help you craft your page which will be included in a special gift for Fr. Bob's retirement.

Hospitality Minister's Schedule

All who currently serve as a Hospitality Minister are asked to reply by May 21 with scheduling conflicts during the months of June, July, and August to Jim Williams at 989-652-6345 or email: jim.williams@savispl.com. The next schedule will be mailed to you before the end of May.

Blessed Trinity is always in need of additional Hospitality Ministers. If you are interested in serving or have input on how we can better assist our parishioners and guests, please contact Jim.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

All who serve as Lectors, Greeters, and Altar Servers are asked to reply by May 21 with scheduling conflicts during the months of June, July, and August to Lori Snyder at 652-3259 or email: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org. The next schedule will be mailed to you before the end of May.

Bavarian Parade Float Help Needed

The Frankenmuth Bavarian Parade will be held on Sunday, June 10. Blessed Trinity will again have a float in the parade and needs you! If you have some time and would like to help build our parish float, please contact Paul Wojno at 989-751-2009 or email: pwojno55@gmail.com. We hope to begin planning and construction in mid-May.

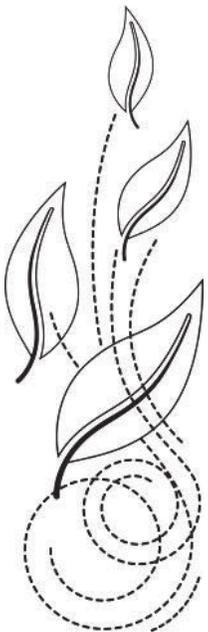
When you care enough to respond with love, you can change the world.

Clothesline Volunteer Luncheon

All Clothesline Store volunteers are invited to attend a luncheon/meeting on Monday, June 4 at 11:00 a.m. at Independence Village's Harmony Hall. Please RSVP to Connie Kaufman at 652-3521.

Habitat for Humanity Needs YOU!

Help a neighbor in Buena Vista Township by getting involved with Habitat for Humanity. Can you spare a half-day or a full day helping to repair and paint homes during the week of May 17 - 23? Sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering area - please consider helping!



Parish staff and catechists celebrated Carol Fox at a recent dinner held in honor of her retirement. Pictured above are current and past catechists who have worked with Carol.

Our sponsor of the week is: Vassar & Frankenmuth True Value Hardware

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## Youth Ministry News

Last Sunday, we had our last "official" gathering for our 2018 BT youth members ~ it was a Cinco De Mayo celebration where all enjoyed a catered meal and social time with our Class of 2018. Thanks to all who attended!

Our Class of 2018 youth should have received a postcard reminder about the Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. After this Mass, we will have a Meet & Greet in the gathering area for all to wish our grads well. There will be refreshments and the annual senior video. Grads should wear their cap and gown and plan to attend.

Our Class of 2019 will be the hosts for our Baccalaureate Meet & Greet. Please let me know how you plan to help out.

Our grades 6-8 youth will meet on Sunday, June 3 for a Bonfire Prayer Night from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. I already have some of our 2018 graduates asking to lead this evening.

The June 18 & 19 Mackinac Island Retreat is filling up. Cost is \$75.00 each. If you are in grades 9-12 and would like to participate, please contact me ASAP.

The June 27 Cedar Point Trip needs your commitment and permission slip. If you are in grades 5-12 and would like to participate, please contact me ASAP. Cost is \$65.00 each.

Youth Encounter Saginaw - YES Camp - is one week of service to needy residents in Saginaw County and will take place on June 24-29. Anyone in grades 9-12 who may be interested in this diocesan-sponsored event should contact me.

*Faith Formation classes are finished, but that doesn't mean you can't stay involved in your parish! Stay up-to-date on all news by reading the bulletin, "liking" the BTC-Youth Facebook page, or just emailing/texting me. Being involved in YOUR Blessed Trinity Youth Group is a wonderful thing. It leads to many positive experiences, friendships, and keeps you involved with your faith community.*

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



*Congratulations to our parish children who received their First Eucharist last weekend!*



## Faith Formation News

Last weekend, our grade two parish children celebrated their First Communion. It was a joyous occasion and brought tears to many eyes. They were celebrated at a social after Mass with the help of parishioners: Bill Dodson, Carol Kager, Bob & Marge Susalla, Ginger Hall, and Mary Frank. Thank you for being part of the "village" that helps our parish families raise their children in the Catholic faith!

Parents are reminded to register their children for "Hero Central" Vacation Bible School to be held at Blessed Trinity on July 23-26 for children ages 4 - grade 6. There is no charge to attend; visiting friends, relatives, and grandchildren are welcome! Registration forms are available in the gathering area.

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

**Boy Scout Troup #275 Invites You to ~ Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church  
on Sunday, May 13, 2018  
at 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



pancakes, sausage links, eggs, and beverage ~ free will offering

**All are welcome! Bring your mom to breakfast for Mother's Day!**

*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.

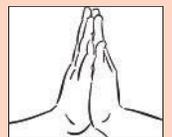
The light comes from a large candle placed in a red glass container and burns for seven days. The candle is generally replaced on Friday or Saturday each week throughout the year.

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 (names will be printed in the bulletin for the designated week).



Blessed Trinity 6th graders model the t-shirt "God Squad" that they designed with Mrs. Cramer's help.

**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.



*Thank you to all groups who presented their charity information at our recent Tithing Committee socials!*



### *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.



### *Three Simple Numbers....211*

Did you know just three simple numbers can make a big difference in your life? When you or someone you know is in need, just call 211!

2-1-1 is a free, easy-to-remember telephone number that connects people in need with people who can help - 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. This mission provides referrals and information to assist with essential needs such as food, utilities, housing, and medical needs.

Join us on Tuesday, May 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at St. Martin Lutheran Church (10995 Canada Rd. in Birch Run) to learn more. This free event is hosted by the Stephen Ministry of Frankenmuth United Methodist Church and St. Martin Lutheran Church.

No reservations are needed; bring a friend and learn more about this valuable service.

### *Knights of Columbus*

Our local Knights realize that the youth are our future; several programs are provided including free throw and soccer challenges, spelling bees, essay contests, poster contest, and some unique programs within the local councils. This is integrated with the Knights' principle of being a Catholic family fraternal service organization.

We involve the family whenever possible. Many programs are family-based such as social dinners, fish fries, family picnics, movie nights, etc. and all family members are invited to assist and participate in all programs. We need your help in providing all we do. To receive more info about the Knights of Columbus or to join your local council, please contact [k.krause@mikofc.org](mailto:k.krause@mikofc.org).