



as I have
loved you
love one
another

~John 13: 34-35~

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

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Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 18 & 19, 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.

Wake up every morning with the thought
that something wonderful is about to happen!

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, May 20

Memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena

Tuesday, May 21

Memorial of St. Christopher Magallanes

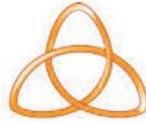
Wednesday, May 22

Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

11:00 a.m. Adult Study Session



Saturday, May 25

Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 26

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

12:00 noon Reflections Dance Rehearsal

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 May 25 & 26, 2019

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

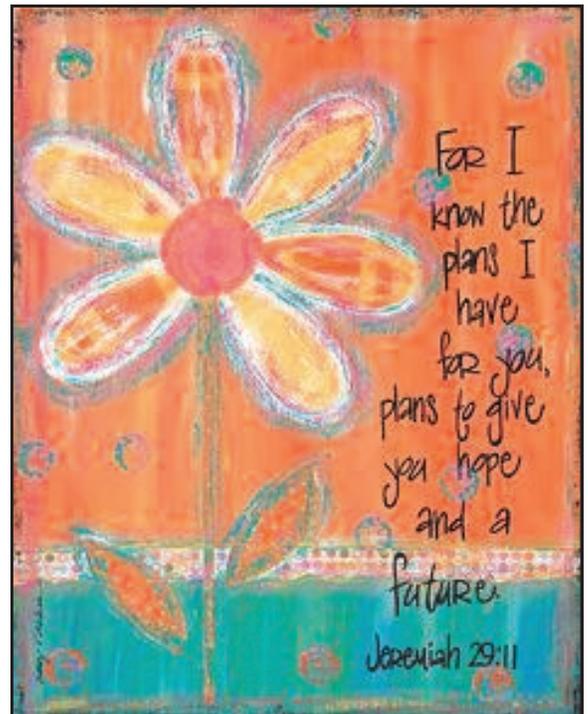
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

Sanctify the Smallest Deeds

As the young Martin de Porres (1579-1639) began his vocation in Peru, he longed to bring his mission to foreign peoples so that he could receive the honor of martyrdom. When he realized that God was not going to make this possible, however, he turned his focus from exotic lands to the commonplace tasks he saw right in front of him.

This "Brother of the Broom" worked to bring forth the kingdom of God within his abbey by becoming a master of homemaking. He looked after the cooking, cleaning, and laundry. A fellow brother recounted how Martin showed him how to sow chamomile in the "well-manured hoof-prints of cattle." No task was too small that Martin couldn't see God's plan in it.

Throughout your day today, look at mundane tasks as saintly deeds.



Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator ~ Deacon Larry Deford

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." It's a simple commandment, but in its simplicity can prove to be quite difficult at times. We find in the synoptic Gospels other references like "love your neighbor" from Matthew, Mark and Luke. Matthew and Luke also contain, "love your enemies." Today in John we find simply, "love one another." This would presume there are many more within the community. It leaves little room for explanation or areas for interpretation. It includes everyone.

Throughout the years, as our family cultures have evolved and changed, many families are spread across the United States and beyond. As many children grow up, go to university, and start careers away from home, families tend to bond with other church families for love and support. We witnessed this living in Midland, with many families recruited to work for Dow Chemical Company. We had many friends with no family in the area, but their neighbors, co-workers, or church relationships. My experience in Frankenmuth has been no different, with many friends whose children live in other states.

How we live our lives is our litmus test to Jesus's example: love one another, as I have loved you. In a few chapters, we will see the willingness to lay down one's life for a friend added to this passage. In all things, Jesus leads us by example. He healed the blind and the lame, blessed lepers and gives children a special place in his kingdom, doesn't condemn the woman others were ready to stone for adultery. On the cross, after forgiving the thieves, stretches his arms out wide to take with him in death all our sins.

In his resurrection, Jesus visits with the disciples, preparing them for their ministry and journey ahead. Once again, he reaches out to each of us, giving us his love, hope and peace for our journey. Jesus reminds us of what was foretold of the past and the promises of tomorrow. May we embrace his message to love one another; without doubt, judgement or worthiness.



This weekend, we celebrate our senior class, graduating from high school and stepping out into the world! May we love them with our whole hearts and encourage and pray for them as they make new decisions about their life's direction. May they be guided in love and faith, with all our support!

2019 Blessed Trinity Graduates

Claire Breinager
Thomas Brooks
Jacob Brownell
Wesley Darrow

Eric Doherty
Rodrigo Dominguez
Jack Ferweda
Andrew Harris

Nic Kleekamp
Sophia Lee
Leslie McMartin
Scotty Nedoff

Elyse Schmitt
Ian Sutherland
Josie Wagner
Kurtis Wolfram

Hospitality Ministry News

Jim Williams ~ 989-652-6345 or jim.williams@avispl.com

Parishioners in the 7th grade and above are invited to serve Blessed Trinity Parish as a Hospitality Minister. You would serve once per month with choice of Mass time and date of preference. Please contact me for more info.

June, July & August Hospitality Ministry schedules will be sent before the end of May. Please advise me of any conflicts by May 19 that you may have during these months.

Liturgical Ministry News



The June, July & August Liturgical Ministry schedule will be sent before the end of May. Any Altar Servers, Greeters, or Lectors who have conflicts during these months should pass that info to Lori in the parish office at: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org or call 652-3259 by May 20. Thank you.

Help Us Build a Float!

Blessed Trinity has entered a float in this year's Bavarian Parade, to be held on Sunday, June 9. Help is needed preparing the float. If you are interested in helping with this fun project, please call the parish office for info.

Clothesline Luncheon

Clothesline Store volunteers will gather on Monday, June 3 at Independence Village's Harmony Hall for a luncheon. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. This will be a great time to visit and share stories! Funds will also be distributed to various charities.

If you volunteer at the store and plan to attend this luncheon, please RSVP to Mary Kalkman at 652-6749 by May 20.

*Thoughts from our Sacramental Minister ~ Fr. T.J. Fleming**I extend an invitation to all to attend a Novena to the Holy Spirit. What is a Novena?*

A Novena is a 9-day prayer journey. I am forming this Novena in a funnel shape - the top of the funnel is the widest part and I believe this represents our God who is made up of a Trinity of Persons: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. I will begin this Novena with the topic of the Most Holy Trinity, which I feel begins it all. Without the Trinity we would not have anything.

Then the funnel narrows and from this point the second evening of the Novena is going to focus on the Third Person of the Holy Trinity: the Spirit. From the Holy Spirit flows the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, thus I have assigned each of these gifts to the remainder of the seven evenings of this Novena.

When will this Novena take place?

Each evening will take place in the Day Chapel of Blessed Trinity Church in Frankenmuth:

- ◆ First Evening, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. with the topic ~ *The Most Holy Trinity*
- ◆ Second Evening, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. with the topic ~ *The Spirit*
- ◆ Third Evening, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. with the topic ~ *Fear of the Lord/Wonder & Awe*
- ◆ Fourth Evening, June 2 at 6:30 p.m. with the topic ~ *Piety/Reverence*
- ◆ Fifth Evening, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. with the topic ~ *Fortitude/Courage*
- ◆ Sixth Evening, June 4 at 7:00 p.m. with the topic ~ *Knowledge*
- ◆ Seventh Evening, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. with the topic ~ *Understanding*
- ◆ Eighth Evening, June 6 at 7:00 p.m. with the topic ~ *Counsel/Right Judgment*
- ◆ Ninth Evening, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. with the topic ~ *Wisdom*



(Please note that on Saturday and Sunday evenings of the Novena, the time is at 6:30 p.m. The rest of the evenings are at 7:00 p.m.)

Why am I offering this Novena to the Holy Spirit?

Pentecost, I believe, is one of the forgotten Feasts of our Church. Pentecost is not just the ending of the Easter season but Pentecost is the birthday of our Church and the Third Mystery of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary: The Descent of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is a very important feast of our Church and I would like to offer this 9-evening Novena to prepare us to receive the Holy Spirit and fully celebrate our birthday as Church. Please come to all nine evenings or as many as you can.

What will the evenings of the Novena look like?

Each evening will be 30-45 minutes long and include a Gathering Song and Opening Prayer. I will offer the Evening Meditation with scripture readings and together we will pray the Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit, the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. Five of the evenings, we will pray the Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and the other four evenings we will pray a Litany of the Holy Spirit. Each evening will include a closing song.

All are welcome! I hope you will come!

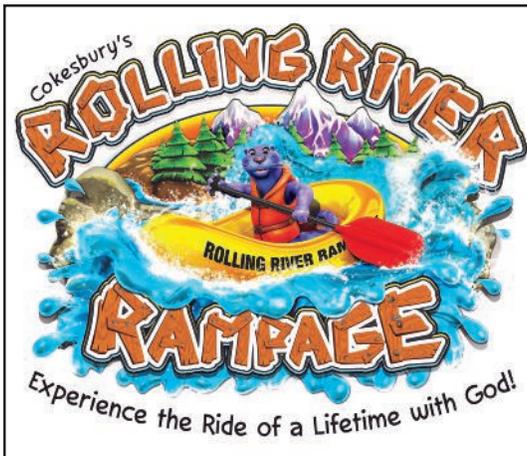
Thank You

Dear friends ~ thank you once again for sharing your blessings with the Vassar Area Food Pantry! Your \$3,000 donation will be used to help many needy families in our area. They, too, will be blessed because of you.

*Kevin Haines ~ Treasurer
Vassar Area Food Pantry*



Flashback! Here is a group photo of our 2019 graduates from when they were in second grade Faith Formation class. How time flies!



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School 2019, to be held at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church on July 22-25!

Your help is needed! In the classroom wing, you'll see a bulletin board with a VBS poster and a "Help Wanted" sign. We need adult and teen leaders as well as helpers who are in grade 5 and higher. Please see me for more information.

Don't forget to register your child/ren at: <https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/fumcbtcc>. You can also access this link on our parish website.

*Pam Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
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Info Needed ~ do you have a new home address? Do you have a new cell phone number? Have you given up your land line? Do you have a new email address? If so, please let the parish know so that we have up-to-date records. Please call Lori at 652-3259 or email: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org.

Youth Ministry News

Today/Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we recognize our 2019 Blessed Trinity graduates! After Mass, we'll celebrate with a "meet and greet" social and view the annual senior video. We're proud of our grads and wish them a future full of hope, peace, and many blessings!

Blessed Trinity is proud to host today's Frankenmuth High School Baccalaureate at 3:00 p.m. Pastors from area churches are participating in this service, and we welcome the Frankenmuth community to our parish!

Our Mackinac Island Retreat will take place on June 17 & 18 and open to all in grades 9-12 (2019-2020 school year). Space is limited, so contact me ASAP if you want to go. This year's theme is: In His Image.

Our Cedar Point trip will take place on Wednesday, June 26 for all in grades 5-12. Your cost of \$85.00 covers ticket to park, luxury motor coach travel, snacks, and beverages. Seats are going fast, so contact me ASAP to reserve yours. Be sure to take a permission slip.

Attention Parents and Youth! We have something new planned for this summer for our grades 5-8 youth called: **Embracing Our Faith Through Service Tuesdays**. Our first gathering will be on June 25 where we will take part in a service project within the community, followed by lunch.

Sign up in the youth room or you can text or email me. More info will be posted on the BTC-Youth page. This is a great way to answer His call to serve and have fun doing it together!

*Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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For the Life of the World

For the life of the world,
we will stand together, we will serve the Lord.
For the life of the world, we will cry for justice,
and ev'ry heart will sing that Jesus Christ is Lord.

We walk together to be children of light,
our God calls each of us by name!
Christ moves within us, we are God's work of art!
We live no longer for ourselves!

We are empowered by the love of Christ,
whose life has conquered sin and death!
There is no other name but Jesus the Lord!
We live no longer for ourselves!

We are the chosen people God has called,
the life we live is not our own!
If we will die with Christ, then we will be free!
We live no longer for ourselves!

The lost and broken will be healed from their shame,
the poor will see the face of God!
Sent by the Spirit, we are called to serve!
We live no longer for ourselves!

For the life of the world,
we will stand together, we will serve the Lord.
For the life of the world, we will cry for justice,
and ev'ry heart will sing that Jesus Christ is Lord.

*Patience is not very different from courage.
It just takes longer.*

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.



Sponsor Altar Flowers

Parishioners can sponsor weekend altar flowers for Masses in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion, birthday, anniversary, etc. Two arrangements are available each weekend at \$50.00 each. Call the parish office for info.

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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.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ May 5-11, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,010.00
Parish Debt Retirement Fund	5.00
Weekend Total	\$1,015.00

Weekend ~ May 11 & 12, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions (162 envelopes)	\$8,462.00
Weekend Loose	595.00
Children's Contributions (2 envelopes)	5.15
Parish Debt Retirement Fund (2 envelopes)	125.00
Weekend Total	\$9,187.15

Summer Camp Opportunity

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren while they have fun at the same time? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, MI. This Catholic camp provides experiences in a technology-free zone while immersed in a faith-filled environment. For more info, check out: www.CampSanctaMaria.org or call 248-822-8199.



Donate Household Items

Thanks to all who bring in clothing and household donations for Emmaus House. All items are picked up on Monday mornings by a parish volunteer who delivers them to Saginaw.

We ask that you only bring in two bags or boxes of donations at a time per week. We cannot handle a load of garage sale "leftovers." If you have more than this or larger items, please call Emmaus House for pick up at: 755-7538.

Stewardship Prayer

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am friendly.

It will be holy, if I am holy.

It's pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship,
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion,
charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task
of being all things that I want my parish to be.

Amen.

(adapted from Diocese of San Diego)