

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

989-652-3259

Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday



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 21

Memorial of St. Christopher Magallanes

Tuesday, May 22

Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, May 23

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, May 24

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Friday, May 25

Memorial of St. Bede the Venerable

Saturday, May 26

Memorial of St. Philip Neri

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, May 27

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass with Baptism



Scripture Readings for May 27, 2018

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

Event Schedule

Sunday, May 27

10:00 a.m. Scrapbook Workshop

12:00 noon Scrapbook Workshop

Make Way for the Spirit

Much has been written about the importance of a "ministry of presence" - of being with people in times of need. Important as presence is, there is also a "ministry of absence," said noted spirituality author Henri Nouwen.

We should never forget that it is the Holy Spirit ultimately who brings healing and comfort to people and that we need to trust God to do the work that only God can do in human hearts. There came a time when the risen Christ had to depart, but with assurances the Holy Spirit would be with us always. Sometimes your absence serves in a way your presence can't.

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.

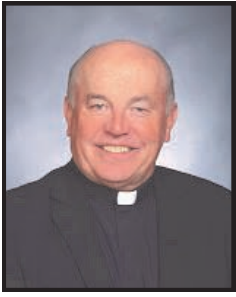
Ministry to the Sick and Elderly ~ When entering a hospital, please register as a member of Blessed Trinity Parish. When confined at home, please contact our parish office.

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.

*our weekend altar flower arrangements
are sponsored by Carol Kager
in memory of Christopher Kager*

*our sanctuary candle burns this week
in loving memory of
Ruth Ann Nellenbach
by the Nellenbach family*



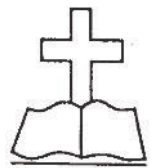
Notes From Our Pastor

This past week the group that has been reading the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** completed its study of this monumental work. The CCC (as it has become known) was published in 1992 as a compendium of the official teachings of the Catholic Church.

Although there was a lot of publicity about the CCC when it was published, there has not been much discussion of this work in the last 20 years because it is long (688 pages of text) and difficult to read. At the suggestion of several men from our parish back in 2011, I began an early morning men's study group on the CCC and we read through the section on the commandments.

A second study group was formed in 2012 at the request of a number of parishioners who also wanted to learn more about their Catholic faith through the CCC. This group started reading the Catechism from paragraph one and has continued meeting weekly (sessions were one hour) since March 12, 2012. We finished the last paragraph on May 16, 2018. Mission accomplished!

There were twelve parishioners in the original group and five of them have stayed with the six-year process. Others joined the group along the way while some participants were not able to continue (three active members have died over the years). There have normally been 10-12 participants at the sessions.



A separate study group on the CCC was formed in 2016 that has met once a month in the evening for the past two years. There have been 12 participants in that group, including a parishioner from Cass City.

All of us (including me!) have learned a great deal about our Catholic Church and its teachings and traditions through our reading of the CCC. It is not easy reading by any means. I think all of the participants have realized that it is not the kind of book that you can read on your own. Reading the text and discussing it together helped all of us understand and appreciate our faith more completely.

I am personally grateful to everyone who has participated in these study groups. Although I had read parts of the CCC in the past, this process has motivated me to read the whole text. In my retirement, I hope to start another study group on the CCC, perhaps at the Center for Ministry.

We recently celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for **Beckett Junior Maurer**, son of Kyle and Stacie (Wiles) Maurer. Congratulations to the parents, godparents, and family of this beautiful little boy. We pray that he will grow in faith, hope, and love through the years.

Fr. Bob Byrne

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ May 6 - 12, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,285.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Total	\$1,280.00

Weekend ~ May 12 & 13, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (178 envelopes)	\$7,435.00
Weekend Loose	888.00
Parish Debt Retirement (3 envelopes)	55.00
Weekend Total	\$8,378.00

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.

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. All are welcome!

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.

Pastoral Council Vacancies

There are two openings on the Blessed Trinity Pastoral Council beginning in June. If you or someone you know may be interested in serving on this important advisory council, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Bob. Those interested should be registered, active, and contributing members of the parish. Two persons will be drawn in early June from the names submitted.

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 soon.



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@avispl.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.

You'll have good days, bad days, overwhelming days, too-tired days, I'm awesome days, I can't go on days, and every day you'll still show up.



Adult Catechism Study participants include: (front row from left) ~ Dee Block, Pam Daily, Karen Smith, Rhoda Beaujean, Carol Kager, and Pat Manning and (back row from left) ~ Corinne Wellman, Carol McClellan, Gerald Beck, Fr. Bob Byrne, Frank Ray, Bob Trudell, Jim Vandeveld, and Wayne Knieper.

Youth Ministry News

Today/Sunday is a special day for our BT Class of 2018 as we celebrate Baccalaureate at our 9:00 a.m. Mass. Graduates will be recognized after Mass with a "Meet & Greet" in the gathering area; the senior video will also be shown and refreshments will be offered. Congratulations all!

Our grades 6-8 youth are invited to a bonfire gathering on Sunday, June 3 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening with your peers for some prayers, planning, fun, and snacks. Friends are welcome.

Our Mackinac Island Retreat will be held on June 18 & 19. Any who have told me that they plan to go should pick up a permission slip ASAP so that I know how many open places I have.

Our Cedar Point trip will take place on June 27. Permission slips are in the youth room and need to be returned by June 6. Cost is \$65.00 each. Any in grades 5-12 (and friends) are invited to participate.

This summer we will take part in "Travel Tuesdays" where our youth will have the opportunity to participate in a service project in/around our community. As always, drivers will be needed to help transport our youth to and from the event. If you can help out, please call me at church or text 9892745662.

Attention all in grades 6-8 ~ the Diocese of Saginaw is offering a Kokomo's Fun Night on Thursday, June 14 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 each; registrations must be in by June 10. I need ten participants for this event to take place. Let me know if you are in!

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



Congratulations!

Nurture the spiritual ~ it is important to 'take' your children to church rather than 'send' them. They need to see that it is a priority in your life if it is ever to become a priority in theirs. In church, children find people who give them reinforcement for making the right choices.



Pictured with Fr. Bob are Kyle & Stacie (Wiles) Maurer as their son Beckett Junior was baptized at Blessed Trinity last weekend. Congratulations!



All children ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to attend "Hero Central" Vacation Bible School where they will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they discover their strength in God. They will become heroes and explore how to serve God and God's mission for their lives. There is no charge to attend; friends, visiting relatives, and grandchildren are welcome!

on Monday, July 23 - Thursday, July 26 at 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
co-sponsored by Frankenmuth United Methodist Church
register on-line at: hc.cokesburyvbs.com/btccfumc (registration forms available at both churches)
Questions? Email vbs@fmuthumc.org or cfox@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

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).

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Do you wish you could be involved with a ministry that uses your gifts and talents? Do you wish you could be part of a ministry without leaving your home? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is for you!

For several years, Blessed Trinity has been involved in the chemo cap and prayer shawl ministry to St. Mary's of Michigan. Folks craft the caps and shawls, bring them to BT where they are tagged with the crafter's name, then delivered to St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.

The items are distributed by St. Mary's chaplains to people who are experiencing difficulties with cancer and/or hospitalized with other life-threatening illnesses. There is always a need for these items, for both men and women. You would be amazed at the reactions the chaplains receive upon gifting the patients with these labors of love.

We have patterns available for the caps and shawls. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in this ministry.

Do the Ordinary with Extraordinary Faith

When Brother Andre tried to enter his religious community, his superiors thought him too sickly and undereducated to amount to much. So they made him the community doorman.

In addition to answering the door, he directed visitors, delivered packages and mail, awakened the community, ran errands, cut hair, sewed, fixed things, maintained the wine cellar, swept up, and - yes - he also did windows. When he died after decades of counseling and bringing God's healing to hundreds of thousands of people, a million mourners attended his funeral. Quite a switch for a person who didn't show much "promise."

We recognize God's presence when we do our everyday tasks with generosity, love, and devotion.

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.



Book Club News

Our next book is *They May Not Mean To, But They Do* by Cathleen Schine. Our discussion will be on Tuesday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome - please join us!

*If you realized
how powerful your thoughts are,
you'd never think
a negative thought again.*

Our sponsor of the week is:

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Knights of Columbus

Each community and parish has its own needs and local Knights of Columbus Councils work to fill those needs through the input of council chaplains and parish priests. New members, along with the asset of more support, bring ideas to the council. You can't imagine how each new involved member magnifies what the group can do in the community and parish.

We need you for our council to continue to provide for all we do. Please contact Ken Krause, State Membership Director at k.krause@mikofc.org for more information on how you can get involved with the Knights.



Eucharistic Minister Formation Session

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

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

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

Come Stay At My House

God has bestowed so many gifts on creation. In fact, the world is here in the first place because God's love overflowed - God wanted to share the divine love.

God even sent Jesus and became human so as to invite people more deeply into life in God. So shouldn't the response to all this generosity be a generous one in which we welcome God into our lives, are open and inviting with God in prayer, and honor and care for our world and its creatures?

Start opening doors today.