



## *Blessed Trinity Catholic Church*

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

*989-652-3259*

*Third Sunday of Easter ~ May 4 & 5, 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.*

*This Week in Our Parish*

**Wednesday, May 8**

8:30 a.m. Mass  
 9:00 a.m. Rosary  
 11:00 a.m. Adult Study Session  
 7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting



**Friday, May 10**

Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster

**Saturday, May 11**

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

**Sunday, May 12**

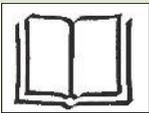
Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Mass  
 11:00 a.m. Mass  
 12:00 noon Reflections Dance Rehearsal

*this week's sanctuary candle  
 is sponsored by James Bruce  
 in memory of Rita Bruce*

*last weekend's altar flower arrangement  
 was sponsored by Pat Proctor  
 in memory of Erwin Proctor*

*Scripture Readings for May 11 & 12, 2019*



Acts 13:14, 43-52  
 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17  
 John 10:27-30

*Pastoral Team*

Pastoral Administrator ~ Deacon Larry Deford  
 Sacramental Minister ~ Rev. Thomas J. Fleming  
 Interim Director of Faith Formation  
 Pastoral Minister ~ Karen Smith  
 Coordinator of Faith Formation ~ Pamela Daily  
 Director of Youth Ministry ~ Kathryn Cramer  
 Director of Music ~ Alissa Hetzner  
 Music Assistant ~ Steven Holovach  
 Parish Secretary ~ Lori Snyder  
 Bookkeeper ~ Carol Maurer  
 Director of Maintenance ~ Frederick Fitch  
 Maintenance Assistant ~ Philip Schmelzer

*Lay Ministers*

Michael Snyder, Veronica Horn, Virginia Little,  
 Katherine Haney, Joseph Ricard,  
 Pamela Daily, Jacqueline Gere

*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](mailto:lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org).



*Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator*

In our third Sunday of Easter, we find the risen Lord once again greeting the disciples, along the shores of the Sea of Tiberias. After a long night of fishing, they are coming back to shore with empty nets. Fishing all night is no picnic, especially when the fish do not cooperate. It's a lot of heavy work lifting and re-dropping nets, untangling lines, re-baiting the nets and difficult with several people in a small boat.

Think of the personalities involved: John, the beloved one, who recognizes Jesus first. Peter, the impatient and impulsive disciple, dramatically jumping in the water to get to Jesus first. This should remind you of Easter morning, when Mary Magdalene informed the disciples the tomb was empty, and she did not know where they had taken him. Peter ran ahead and held the cloth wrappings in the tomb, while the beloved disciple entered, saw and believed.

After a long and difficult night, Jesus calls the disciples over to share breakfast with him. As difficult as casting their nets were for fish, Jesus shows them how full their catch can be of those who listen to the Good News and obey the word of God. Their harvest can be plentiful if they just listen to what Jesus has in store for them.

Alone with Jesus for the first time since his resurrection, Peter finally is reconciling with Christ for his earlier betrayal. Three times Peter professes his love for Jesus and is given penances to reconcile with Christ. He is to forgive others as he has been forgiven and search out the lost ones as Jesus the Good Shepherd has found him. This is the call for each of us in the church.

*Deacon Larry Deford*



*All Are Welcome*

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;  
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast the frees us:  
all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place!*

*We Are Stewards*

*On-line Giving ~ April 21-27, 2019*

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| Parish Adult Contributions ..... | \$1,260.00 |
| Parish Debt Retirement Fund..... | 55.00      |
| Weekend Total.....               | \$1,315.00 |

*Weekend ~ April 27 & 28, 2019*

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| Parish Adult Contributions (153 envelopes)..... | \$7,772.00 |
| Weekend Loose .....                             | 517.00     |
| Children's Contributions (3 envelopes) .....    | 1.84       |
| Parish Debt Retirement Fund (1 envelope) .....  | 15.00      |
| Weekend Total.....                              | \$8,305.84 |

*Children's stewardship: Caroline's time ~ helping mom; Mya's time ~ babysitting; Natalie's talent ~ sharing with my brothers.*

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.

## Faith Formation News



Today/Sunday, our grade 2 students will receive First Holy Communion at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. It is always wonderful for us to witness this moment in the lives of the children and their families. I think of how carefully they were prepared by their catechist and their parents to receive the sacraments this year.

Thank you to Linda Cook, Linda Weinhold, Bill Dodson, and Raymond Daily for their help with the cake and punch social that followed our First Holy Communion social!

Please join me in welcoming these children to the fullness of life in our church. My hope is that they will continue to learn and grow in faith!

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| Charlotte Grablick | Ella Lynch     |
| Matthew Hafeli     | Luke McCallum  |
| Brennan Hecht      | Drew McGovern  |
| Adelaide Hudecek   | Selah Micinski |
| CJ Keberlein       | Sawyer Plant   |

We completed our last week of Faith Formation classes! Children and catechists participated in a prayer service and enjoyed an ice cream social on their respective class day. I'm already looking forward to next year!

We are also looking forward to Vacation Bible School in July. If you happen to walk down to 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. And, 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  
pdaily@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

I think and think for months and years, ninety-nine times, the conclusion is false. The hundredth time I am right. (Albert Einstein)

## Break Bread Together

*A retreat director, preaching on the story of Emmaus, told this story about recognizing Christ in our midst, anywhere and in anyone.*

*It had been a long day and the first-graders were running their teacher ragged. The dismissal bell rang and the children sped out the door. The teacher shepherded them out, then sat wearily on a bench watching them go.*

*A child waiting for her big brother to walk her home watched the teacher, then wandered over. She sat beside her and carefully opened her lunch bag. She unwrapped the sandwich and, with her small hands, broke it in two. She looked at the teacher and handed her half, saying, "I get tired and hungry after school, too. Here."*

## 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.

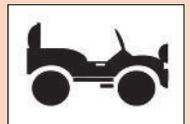


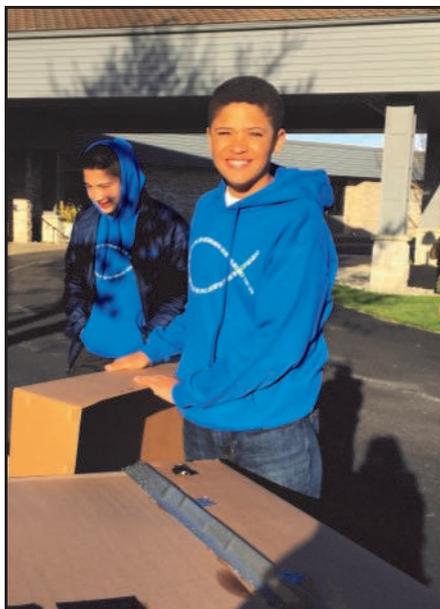
## Food Donations

Please consider purchasing extra grocery items for local food pantries, which service families in our area. All items are needed including paper supplies, cleaning supplies, food items, and personal care items. Please do not bring in perishable food items or items past their expiration date. Drop off your donations at BT during the week or when you come to weekend Mass.

## Sponsor of the Week ~ Schaefer & Bierlein

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### Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday, all youth in grades 7-12 will gather for Leadership Night and discuss coming events. Our 6th grade youth are invited and welcomed tonight as we'll enjoy a bonfire and a few games. Let's see who is COMMITTED to gathering tonight ~ I hope to see you all!

Cardboard City 2019 is in the books. This event hasn't been offered for a few years and I was very impressed with the youth who committed themselves to experiencing homelessness. It was cold and wet and while we made it outside for a few hours, the BT Mission offered us rooms for the night and we headed inside.

We discussed reasons for homelessness and what we can do to help. Everyone understood how blessed they were to go home to a warm bed, food on the table, with people who loved and supported them. Great job to all! My thanks to high school youth Andrew Harris and Zeb Lupcke for their leadership. See pictures at left.

Our 2019 parish Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 19 at 9:00 a.m. I hope that all of our current BT graduates will be in attendance as you will be recognized during Mass.

***If you haven't turned in photos for the senior video, please do so ASAP!***

Blessed Trinity is honored to host the Frankenmuth High School Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 p.m. Clergy from area churches will participate in this service as well as six senior readers that will represent their churches. It's a busy day for our graduates since they will also attend Honors Night that same evening.

Since the Frankenmuth School District ends classes on June 17, our Mackinac Island Retreat has to be pushed back to August 4 & 5. I hope that all of you can make these days work; let me know if you are interested.

Our Cedar Point trip will take place on Wednesday, June 26 with just 30 more seats available at \$85.00 each (includes snacks and beverage at the park). Grades 5-12 youth are invited; let me know ASAP if you are interested.

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***Embrace your faith!*** I was sitting during Mass after last weekend's Cardboard City event and thought about my junior high years. I wasn't Catholic. I was Episcopalian. Our church was in Bridgeport and we didn't get there much. Most of my friends were Catholic and I remember how cool that was.

I would go to their houses and join them in their Faith Formation classes, attend Mass with them, and attended an evening Rosary Prayer event. They were Catholic and they were cool. Their faith was rich in tradition and the sharing of the Eucharist. I wanted to be Catholic. I am now blessed to be Catholic and so want our families and youth to feel and know that it is still cool to be Catholic! We are BT and we are Catholic!

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

When you get in a tight place and everything goes against you, until it seems as if you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time when the tide will turn.

Harriet Beecher Stowe



Our grades 3 & 4 students celebrated their final Faith Formation class with a prayer service and ice cream social last Tuesday. The children are pictured with catechists Carol Fox and Valerie Sulfaro.

### This Is a Day of New Beginnings (Lori True)

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new,  
our God is making all things new.

This is a day of new beginnings,  
time to remember, and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing,  
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,  
love's mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference,  
as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,  
step from the past and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,  
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.

This is a day of new beginnings;  
our God is making all things new,  
our God is making all things new.

### 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.



### 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.

*Lay Ministry Info Meeting*

Come and learn more about the Lay Ministry Formation Program at a meeting on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. For more information, please contact Kellie Deming at 797-6609 or email [kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:kdeming@dioceseofsaginaw.org) or speak with one of our parish lay ministers.

*League of Catholic Women Meet*

All ladies are welcome to join the 80th year celebration for the League of Catholic Women on Tuesday, May 21 at St. Dominic Parish (St. Stephen site, 2711 Mackinaw St. in Saginaw). Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow catered by Sullivan's. Please mail your \$11.00 reservation check to LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, MI 48608 by May 13. Call Mary at 790-3358 with any questions.

*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.

*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](http://www.CampSanctaMaria.org) or call 248-822-8199.

*St. Mary's Cathedral offers their Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube, or at [www.dioceseofsaginaw.org](http://www.dioceseofsaginaw.org) for anyone who is hospitalized or homebound.*