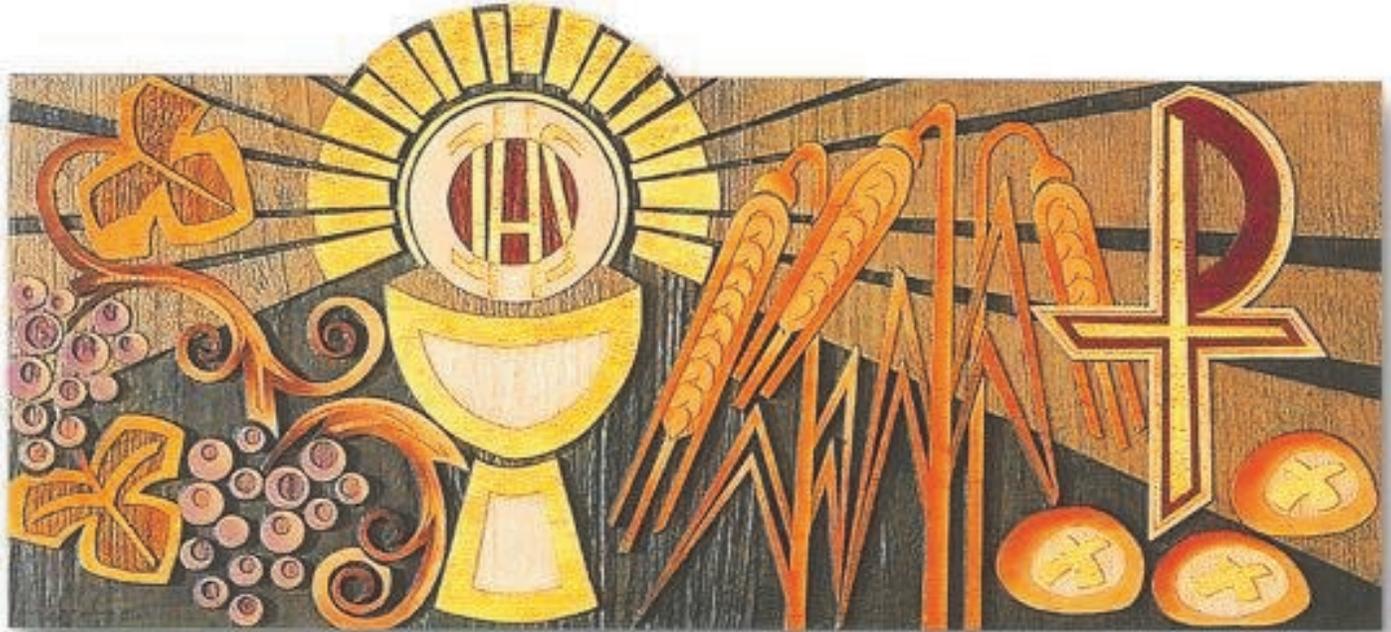


# Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 6, 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.*

## Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Grace Marie Billot  
Payton Rose Collings  
Zoe Katherine Dawn Dajoe  
Carli Evelyn Doherty  
Claire Mary Bleu Edwards  
William Patrick Felske  
Brayden Keith Histed  
Reegan Elizabeth Klinski  
Grace Elizabeth Malicowski  
Maria Alexis Malicowski  
Keegan Sophia Pletcher  
Cara Jean Stokes  
Mila Rose Villarreal  
Riley Madison Vondette

## Worship in Our Parish Liturgical Calendar

### Tuesday, May 8

8:30 a.m. Mass

### Wednesday, May 9

8:30 a.m. Mass

### Thursday, May 10

*Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster*

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medilodge

### Saturday, May 12

*Memorial of Ss. Nereus and Achilleus*

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

### Sunday, May 13

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass with Baptism

## Scripture Readings for May 13, 2018

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

*1 John 4:11-16*

*John 17:11b-19*

## Event Schedule

### Wednesday, May 9

11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Class

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

## ~ It Is I ~

Jesus had sent the disciples on ahead of him in a boat. During the night the going got pretty rough. In the midst of their struggle - remember, they were rowing - Jesus came toward them on the water, a startling development though it meant rescue.

Jesus allayed their fears with three words: "It is I." Actually, it's only two, in Greek: "I am." Sound familiar? These are the words God uses to identify himself at a number of places in scripture. So Jesus isn't merely saying, "Don't worry, it's me." He's declaring that he is God but also that God simply is - the foundation of everything. Next time you find yourself rowing against the waves of trouble, remember you're always on solid ground with God.

## 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).

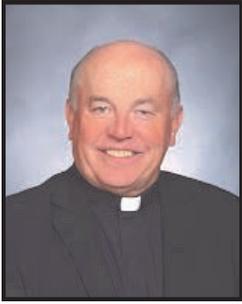
## Scrapbook Page Deadline

If you are participating in the scrapbook project for Fr. Bob's retirement and have completed your page, you can drop it off in the parish office or in the green drop box in the gathering area. We hope to have all pages in by the first week of June.



## Thank You, Volunteers

The Funeral Luncheon Committee would like to give a BIG thank you to all who rose to the challenge by working or providing food for the four recent funeral luncheons we have had. It was a blessing to provide this support to our grieving families. God bless you all!



### Notes From Our Pastor

Congratulations to the boys and girls who are receiving **Holy Communion** for the first time this weekend. This is a most special blessing for them, for their families, and for our whole parish community.

We should never forget that Holy Communion is a gift from our gracious God to these children and to all of us who receive it. Holy Communion is not a reward for being perfect. We do not deserve the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. It is always God's gift to us.

A special thank you goes to Carol Fox, Sandi Doherty, and Jeanne Wilhelmi for helping to prepare the children this year for their celebrations of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion.

Our prayers and condolences go out to Theresa and all the family and friends of **Charlie Juras**. We celebrated his funeral Mass at Blessed Trinity on Thursday, May 3. Charlie died on April 29 at the age of 91. Last fall I had the honor of offering a blessing for Charlie and Theresa for their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. May he rejoice in God's eternal peace.

Thank you to all who have already responded to the **Catholic Services Appeal** on behalf of Blessed Trinity Parish. After five weeks of the appeal, we have received pledges and gifts from 225 parish households for a total of just over \$81,000. We have almost reached our assessed target of \$82,000 but we have traditionally received pledges/gifts of at least \$90,000. All of the money that is paid in excess of the target is given back to Blessed Trinity for parish projects.

So if your CSA pledge card is still on your table or your desk, I ask you to fill it out and return it to Blessed Trinity as soon as you can. If you have lost or misplaced your card, please contact the office and we will provide another one for you. Thank you again for such a generous response.

*Fr. Bob Byrne*

### We Are Stewards

*On-line Giving ~ April 22 - 28, 2018*

Parish Adult Contributions .....	\$1,255.00
Parish Debt Retirement .....	55.00
Total .....	\$1,310.00

*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

*Stewardship notes from children's envelopes: Mya's time ~ babysitting; Wyatt's time ~ yard clean up at grandpa's.*

### 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.



*our sanctuary candle will  
burn this week in loving memory of  
Dennis Doyle, Sr.  
by Elizabeth Doyle*

*our weekend altar flower arrangements  
are sponsored by  
Matt, Rachael, & Trent Klinski  
in honor of Reagan's First Communion*

### Faith Formation News

May God bless our First Communicants and their families as they receive Christ in the Eucharist for the first time this weekend.

✝ Thank you to Fr. Bob, Sandi Doherty, and Jeanne Wilhelm for preparing our 14 candidates to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist this year. Thank you to all parents who helped their children prepare from home.

Scheduled religious education sessions have ended, but families are encouraged to register their ages 4 through grade 6 children for Vacation Bible School "Hero Central." This event will be held at Blessed Trinity on July 23 - 26. Registration forms are available in the gathering area or you can call the parish for info.

Students may email their pictures taken with "Flat Pope Francis" during summer vacation to my address below.

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



I scream. You scream.  
We all scream for ice cream!



### Do The Right Thing

Sometimes you have to do what's right even in the face of opposition. Whether it's no reward at best or open hostility at worst, the world around you doesn't always approve of what you know to be the best thing.

The apostles ran into the same problem - in fact, they were on both sides of it. When the religious authorities ordered them not to speak or teach in Jesus' name, they refused to obey. On the other hand, when Mary Magdalene came to some of these same disciples with news of the risen Jesus, they did not believe her.

Of course it's unwise to always reject what others think of you. But when faced with a difficult situation, ask God for the wisdom and the strength to do what is right and good.

### 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!



*Be selective with your battles. Sometimes peace is better than being right.*

## Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday, our grades 7-12 youth are invited to celebrate Cinco De Mayo weekend and also give our 2018 BT seniors a congratulatory send off. Meet in the social hall from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for dinner and social time!

Last week, our schedule was changed a bit and we ended up doing a mini-version of Cardboard City on Sunday evening. Thanks to all who attended and took part in this homelessness awareness activity. I believe all who participated learned something and became more aware of how we need to answer the call to serve.

Our sophomore leaders (Nick Carter, Seth Messing, and Shiloh Kotch) will meet and choose a date in July for a Cardboard City event for all in grades 7-12. Watch for more information.



Our 2018 seniors will be celebrated at our Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. After Mass, our 2019 BT class will host a "Meet & Greet" social and the annual senior video will be shown. All are invited.

**This is my final call for pictures from our 2018 graduates for the video!**

All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to take part in a gathering on Sunday, June 3 at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at BT. Watch for more info coming your way soon.

It's time for Tuesday Service Days. Watch for information about a day of service activity for all youth to participate in the summer.

Our June 18 & 19 Mackinac Island Retreat is filling up. There are a few spots left if you are interested - contact me.

Sign up in the youth room or text me to take part in the June 27 Cedar Point trip. All youth in grades 5-12 are invited.

The Serra Club held an award ceremony on May 1 at the Horizon's Conference Center to honor youth from around the diocese who are involved in their parish and community. This year, I'm happy to announce that Blessed Trinity's honorees are Courtney Aldrich and Anthony Harris.

Both Courtney and Anthony are the third from their families to receive the Serra Club Award! Their commitment to faith and community is something they should be proud of. We sure are! Courtney and Anthony are awesome role models at BT and I know they will continue that commitment. Congratulations!

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

## Book Club News

The BT Book Club read and recently discussed *A Man Called One* by Fredrik Backman. You'll feel new sympathy for the curmudgeons in your life after getting to know one in this story! A copy of this book is available in the parish library.

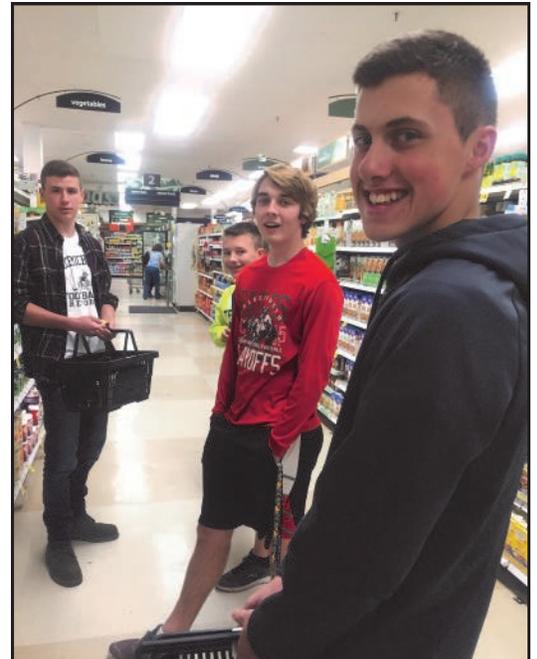


Our next book is *They May Not Mean To, But They Do* by Cathleen Schine. Our discussion will be on Tuesday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome - please join us!

## 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.

BT youth grocery shop for the needy.



Our sponsor of the week is:

**Zehnder's of Frankenmuth**

To view this ad, see the back of the bulletin.

Please patronize our sponsors.

They make the bulletin possible.



The Tuesday morning Bible Study ladies gathered for lunch at Zehnder's Restaurant last week to celebrate another completed study.

*This week is yours.  
Own it.*

**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).



**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.

**Donate to Local Food Pantries**

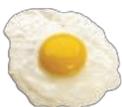
Please consider purchasing an extra grocery item or two for local pantries, which service families in our area. Needed items include paper supplies, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, personal care items, as well as boxed and canned food items.

Please do not bring in perishable food items or items past their expiration date. Drop off your donations at the parish during weekly office hours or when you come to weekend Masses. Thank you!

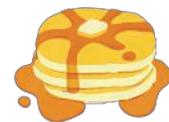
**Sponsor Altar Flowers**

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.

**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!**

### *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.



### *Fatherly Advice*

Jesus taught his disciples to pray "Our Father..." We are blessed in the name of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, was a generous and strong father who always put the well-being of Mary and Jesus first. He stands as an inspiration for parents, and he points to the kind of parental love God has for us.

He is also a powerful intercessor. Catholics call Saint Joseph the patron saint of the entire church.

Pray to Joseph today in your own words for the wisdom and courage to care for the people and responsibilities in your charge.

### *Knights of Columbus*

Michigan Knights of Columbus councils have the opportunity twice per year to participate in the Mentally Impaired Drive, also known as the Tootsie Roll Drive.

Members man various locations to collect funds that are contributed to programs that service those with special intellectual disabilities. A Tootsie Roll is offered to each contributor to show our appreciation for community cooperation. In 2017, \$1,251,008.67 was collected with 389 councils participating in the program.

We need you for our council to continue to provide for all we do. If you'd like to be part of a group that makes a difference in society both locally and worldwide, please email: [k.krause@mikofc.org](mailto:k.krause@mikofc.org).