



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

*958 E. Tuscola St.
Frankenmuth, Michigan
989-652-3259*

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17 & 18, 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.

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, November 20

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Merry Widow's Lunch at Davinci's

Wednesday, November 21

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Mass

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day
Memorial of St. Cecilia
Parish Offices Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23

Memorial of St. Clement I
Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, November 24

Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Campaign for Human Development Collection
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 25

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Campaign for Human Development Collection
9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Choir 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 November 24 & 25, 2018

Daniel 7:13-14

Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37

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.

May love and peace fill your home.

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator....

This week, we've been witness to an early winter, complete with snow, ice, and much cooler temperatures. Even the stubborn oaks are losing their leaves, as we settle in to the realization that warm weather will be several months away.

As we are busy preparing for Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent, it seems odd our Sunday Gospel reading for "ordinary time" is calling us to the end times as we know it. When I think of the end of time for this world, it reminds me of the guy holding up the placard, "*The World is doomed...God is coming!*" Just when you think we've seen it all - from injustices, wars, discrimination, inequalities, and planet decimation - everyone expects God to come and save the faithful.

Most early Christians thought the resurrected Lord would come back in their lifetime. So did many of each generation of Christians to follow. It's called "applying human standards and thoughts to Christ's return."

Our life on earth is a paschal mystery, the dying and rising of Christ. All of creation is engulfed in this mystery. Time here for each of us is miniscule, but also full of grace. This life is a free gift. As I stated from Bishop Ken Untener's prayer last weekend, "*we are merely workers....not the master builder.*"

The cycle of life, death, and new life continues well beyond our time on earth. Instead of focusing on the end times, our focus is to make the most of our borrowed time here now by loving God first and allowing all else to revolve around His love. In this way, we then create life-giving relationships with family, friends, and others.



We deepen our faith and relationship with God by thanking him for our blessings, including those he put in our lives each day. We plant new seeds of faith, encourage others already planted, and as stated by Bishop Untener, "*allow the grace of God to be instilled in their hearts and souls.*" Each day we need to not take anything for granted while blessing those around us; together we will build up the Kingdom of God on earth while waiting for the time when Jesus will return in glory.

Deacon Larry Deford

Look for a blessing in disguise. Often when events don't go our way, we become angry, frustrated, or depressed. Maybe there is a hidden blessing or unexpected outcome that is far better than the one that you were expecting in the first place. Keep your thoughts positive and thank God the next time events don't go as planned. The Lord might just have something better in mind for you.

Dave & Chris Budnik have sponsored
an altar flower arrangement and the sanctuary candle
in memory of John & Elizabeth Budnik and Burleigh & Florence French



Lucy Jackson has sponsored an altar flower arrangement
in memory of Edward Tkaczik and David Tkaczik



Wyatt Mitin served as an altar server for the first time at a recent 9:00 a.m. Mass, and did a wonderful job!



Blessed Trinity youth gathered last Sunday to discuss and paint what they were thankful and grateful for.



God bless our family and all its members and friends; bind us together by your love. Give us kindness and patience to support each other and wisdom in all we do. Let the gift of your peace come into our hearts and remain with us. May we rejoice in your blessings for all our days. Amen.



Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque had a deep and abiding devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is often depicted as a heart on fire and pierced with a crown of thorns. For Margaret Mary, this image was a reminder of the very real suffering and sacrifices Jesus made out of unending love for us.

Call to mind the Sacred Heart the next time you are having a difficult day and need a reminder of the intensity of God's love for you. There is nothing that can keep you from receiving God's healing embrace except your own will to do so.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ November 4 - 10, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,185.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Holy Day Contributions	10.00
Total	\$1,200.00

Weekend ~ November 10 & 11, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (171 envelopes)	\$6,733.00
Children's Contributions (6 envelopes)	7.89
Weekend Loose	810.00
Holy Day Contributions (2 envelopes)	15.00
Debt Retirement Contributions (2 envelopes)	25.00
Weekend Total	\$7,590.89

Children's Stewardship Messages: Abigail's talent ~ I love Jesus; Caroline's talent ~ playing; Wade's time ~ cleaned out grain bin with dad.

Pastoral Team

Pastoral Administrator
Deacon Larry Deford

Pastoral Minister
Interim Director of Faith Formation
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Pamela Daily

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Youth Ministry News

"The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us." At last Sunday's gathering, our youth were reminded of their gifts and how they can share them with others. They spent the evening painting a picture of what they are grateful for. (Yes, someone did paint a block M especially for me!) It was a wonderful evening of faith-building.

Thanks to all who make our Sunday gatherings a priority. Thanks to Shelby Braman for offering our closing prayer. Thanks also to Andrew Harris, Ian Sutherland, Eric Doherty, and Seth Malmo who stayed after our gathering to help clean up. It was a wonderful evening that I am truly grateful for! WE are blessed at BT!

Our 'giving and thankful heart' theme continues as our group collects coats this weekend for donation to the Clothesline Store. All youth are asked to bring their gently-used coats to the youth room after any of the Masses (between the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, there will be doughnuts and juice available). Last year, we collected many coats and the Clothesline Store was very appreciative. My hope is that this year we can increase our donations!

A huge thank you to young adult member, Jen Harris, for subbing for me last Wednesday for our 6th grade Faith Formation class. Jen is a youth group alum and continues to stay involved in leadership opportunities and is an incredible role model for others. We are blessed that she is willing to share her faith with our younger youth members. Thank you, Jen!

All grades 7-12 youth should receive a December Youth Ministry Activities postcard in the mail next week. This info is important as it requires action from all. Permission slips for two of the December events will be required and I will be asking you to text me for the form. I am working on getting everyone's cell number so that future postcards will be sent via text. My hope that this will eliminate the issue of postcards getting lost in the mail.

Flynn Dupuie...if you are reading this....contact me for your gift card!

I wish all BT youth a blessed Thanksgiving filled with thankful hearts and a multitude of blessings!

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

Faith Formation News

Our grades 1 & 2 children have been meeting for "chapel time" during their weekly sessions. They have really enjoyed discussing the coming scripture readings with Pam Daily. Ask your child what they remember about today's readings!

There are no classes for grades FF3, FF4, K, 1-6 or Children's Liturgy of the Word this week (November 20-25) as we prepare for Thanksgiving.

There are no classes for grades 3 & 4 children on Tuesday, November 27. Their session that day will be the Advent Family Night celebration.

There is still time to sign up for Advent Family Night if you haven't yet. This event is open to all families and single folks in the parish. We will make Advent wreaths which will be blessed during a short prayer service. All supplies are provided. Make plans to join us!

We will set up for Advent Family Night on Monday, November 26 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Help is needed to take down chairs, cover tables, and prepare supplies for Tuesday. If you're able, please stop in to help us!

Karen Smith, Pastoral Minister
Interim Director of Faith Formation
ksmith@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
Advent Family Night
Tuesday, November 27, 2018
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the social hall



- ✓ make and take large live-greens wreath with candles
- ✓ blessing of wreaths and families
- ✓ children's Advent crafts
- ✓ prayer service
- ✓ refreshments

Please RSVP by November 26, 2018... detach and return this form, or call 652-3259, or email: ksnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org or pdaily@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

We will attend Advent Family Night:

family name _____

number of family members attending _____

phone number _____

Welcome Breakfast Update
Kathy Haney

New parishioners in the last six months were introduced and celebrated at a Welcome Breakfast last Sunday in the parish social hall. Fr. Emmanuel and Deacon Larry also joined in.

Thanks to DaVinci's Italian Restaurant for catering a delicious meal. Thanks also to Bill Dodson, Jim Haney, and members of the Pastoral Council who helped with set up, serving, and clean up.



On Friday, November 23 from 6:00 - 11:00 a.m., the Frankenmuth McDonald's Restaurant will again host the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Kick-off Toys for Tots program.

Please stop in and bring a \$10.00 or more new, unwrapped toy or monetary donation. The need is always greatest for children ages 5-12 years of age. Enjoy a breakfast entrée and appreciate seeing the many gifts piled high for children.

Frankenmuth Community Thanksgiving Dinner

All are invited to attend the Frankenmuth Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Frankenmuth American Legion Hall, 990 Flint St. in Frankenmuth.



Supper includes: Bavarian Inn's Frankenmuth Chicken, turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, squash, coleslaw, cranberry relish, bread, and pumpkin pie. There is no charge for the meal, however a free-will donation will be accepted to benefit the Saginaw Rescue Mission.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the gathering area or call the parish office by Monday, November 19 to indicate number coming. If you are interested in volunteering your time for set-up, greeting, food service, or clean up, please sign up or call us.

This event is sponsored by these local churches: Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Frankenmuth Bible Church, Frankenmuth United Methodist Church, Hope Community Church, and St. Lorenz Lutheran Church.

Misa En Espanol
(Spanish Mass)

All are invited to join the Blessed Trinity community and Fr. Christian Tabares at a Mass celebrated in Spanish on Sunday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m. The Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner.

Clothesline Ministry Luncheon

All Clothesline Store volunteers are invited to the annual Volunteer Christmas Luncheon on Monday, December 3 at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church. The program and luncheon will begin at 11:00 a.m.

This gathering is to thank the wonderful volunteers for all they do, as the store would not exist without you. Funds will be distributed at this meeting. It will be a great time to visit and share stories. Please RSVP to Mary Kalkman at 652-6749 by November 25. We hope to see you!

*Hope is putting faith to work
when doubting would be easier.*

Frankenmuth's Annual

Holiday Home Tour



Sponsored by the Frankenmuth Women's Club

Buy Your Tickets Now!
Bring Your Friends!

Saturday, December 1, 2018
11 AM - 4 PM

Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 day of tour.
5 Frankenmuth Homes to Tour

Light Lunch included with Ticket Purchase at
St. John's Lutheran Church

Purchase Tickets at:

- ◆ Fenton Home Furnishings
- ◆ Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ Frankenmuth Florist
- ◆ Frankenmuth Historical Museum
- ◆ Frankenmuth Wickson District Library

Call Suzanne for more info (989) 652-9807
www.frankenmuthwomensclub.org

Scripture Seminar Scholarships Available

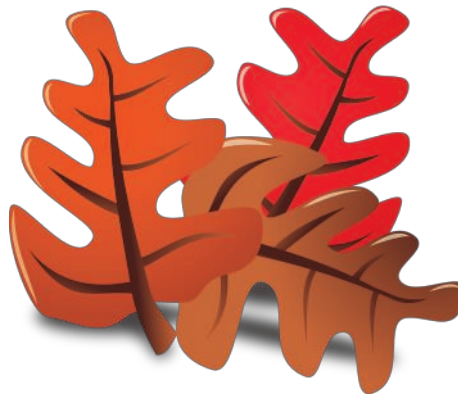
A generous donor has made available \$311 as scholarship assistance for those wishing to attend scripture-related seminars at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. This money will be dispersed on a "first come, first served" basis with a maximum of one per person. If you're interested, please email: dosborn@dioceseofsaginaw.org to apply (include full name, address, phone number, and which seminar listed below that you'd like to attend):

- ⇒ Saturday, December 1: Biblical Narrative with Fr. Bill Taylor from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (normally \$37, including lunch)
- ⇒ Saturday, January 12, 2019: The Psalms with Fr. Bill Taylor from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon (normally \$11.00 without lunch or \$21.00 with lunch)
- ⇒ Saturday, April 13, 2019: Moved by Ancient Voices with Dr. Jeffrey Lehman, Dr. Toby Long, and Dr. Daniel Cannon (normally \$37.00 including lunch)

Catholic Women to Meet

All ladies are welcome to attend the LCW's Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 4 starting at 12:00 noon at Swan Valley Banquet Center (9521 Highland Green Dr. in Saginaw).

There will be a buffet lunch and a sing-a-long with Bob Barcalow. Please mail your \$20.00 check to LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, 48608 by November 27. Call 752-5053 with questions.



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