



"you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart...."

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 3 & 4, 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 6

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, November 7

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Rosary
11:00 a.m. Adult Study Group
3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes
7:00 p.m. Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, November 8

7:00 p.m. Diocesan Holy Hour at Blessed Trinity

Friday, November 9

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday, November 10

Memorial of St. Leo the Great

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, November 11

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Welcome Breakfast for New Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Faith for 3's, Faith for 4's, & Kindergarten
Faith Formation Classes
11:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word (grades 1-4)
12:00 noon Reconciliation Sacrament Session
for Grade 2 Families
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Ministry Gathering



Scripture Readings for November 10 & 11, 2018

1 Kings 17:10-16

Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

Look for a blessing in disguise. Often when events don't go our way, we become angry, frustrated, or depressed. Perhaps 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 next time events don't go as planned. The Lord might just have something better in mind for you.

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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.

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.



Thank you: the advertisements that appear in this bulletin completely defray all publishing costs which the church would otherwise incur. Please patronize the sponsors on the back of this bulletin and thank them for their generosity.

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator....

Mid-week, our Gospel reading from Luke brings Jesus on his way to Jerusalem, by way of Jerico, passing through many small towns and villages. Someone asks him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus replies, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Bishop Robert Barron put forth an interesting discussion on the topic, based on generational ideals of attaining eternal life. He states older generations can be too consumed with how they can enter through the narrow gate, attaining everlasting life with Christ. For those who think they will be saved, like the person asking Jesus in this reading, may not be and many who don't think they are worthy will be the first. Some think they can just check off the boxes: going to Mass on weekends and Holy Days, tithing, and doing only what's expected of them.

Many from older generations fear few will be given eternal life. Younger generations expound the love of Christ, His mercy, and His compassion while thinking that they can do whatever feels good because one can always go to confession.

Barron's argument generates conversations of the abundance of God's love and how it would never keep us from eternal life with Him. Many younger people feel God would never exclude them, despite their actions or accountability.



I would tell you the number of faithful that attain eternal life is inconsequential. It's not about gauging too many or too few. Our lives of discipleship are about living the Gospel word given to us each week, along with the Eucharist for our strength and nourishment. We adopt a lifestyle of Christ, filled with love, grace, humbleness, and the mercy of God.

We aren't bystanders, listening to God's Word and turning away from the needs of our families, church, diocese or community. Especially this community at Blessed Trinity Parish...we are vested in our parish, in the needs of the faithful here, and throughout our community.

We respond to God's word and adopt the needs of each other as our own. Do you want to pass through the narrow gate? Walk and listen to Jesus in your heart and soul today, tomorrow, and forever.

Deacon Larry Deford

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

A new schedule for altar servers, lectors, and greeters (for December, 2018 - February 2019) will be sent before the end of November. If there are dates that you prefer not to be scheduled, please email that info to Lori at the parish office by November 19: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org. Thank you.

Let Go and Let God

The novelist Henry James wrote: "Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind."

It is not always simple or even possible, though, to know how to be kind to others. In the tricky and complex situations you occasionally find yourself, the "high road" is not always clear: "Would this person appreciate an explanation, or would that just make them angrier?" Should I back off or continue to engage?"

Asking yourself what you would like in a similar situation isn't always helpful either; that question only helps you to know yourself better! Sometimes the best you can do is to have the intention and let God do the rest.



Faith Formation News

Thanks to Cindy Lupcke and Amy & Payton Collings for helping with the "Saint Toothpicks" for the cupcakes that were shared at the All Saints Day Social last Thursday.

Watch for a flyer with all information about Advent Family Night, to be held on Tuesday, November 27. Be sure to RSVP to the parish when you know how many will come from your family.

Help is needed to prepare the wreaths and set up for Advent Family Night. We'll meet on Monday, November 26 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Please stop in if you can lend a hand.

*Pam Daily, Coordinator of Faith Formation
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*our sanctuary candle
is sponsored by
the Pollick family
in honor of Lanie Pollick
and all who are fighting cancer*



*our weekend altar flowers
are sponsored by
Janet Fairfield
in memory of Ron Fairfield*

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ October 14 - 20, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$3,695.00
Parish Debt Retirement	70.00
World Mission Sunday	645.00
Total	\$4,410.00

On-line Giving ~ October 21 - 27, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,340.00
Parish Debt Retirement	55.00
Total	\$1,395.00

Weekend ~ October 20 & 21, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (159 envelopes).....	\$6,463.00
Children's Contributions (4 envelopes)	4.57
Weekend Loose	755.00
World Mission Sunday Contributions (7 envelopes)	120.00
Holy Day Contributions (2 envelopes)	30.00
Debt Retirement Contributions (1 envelope)	20.00
Weekend Total.....	\$7,392.57

*Children's Stewardship Messages: Charlotte's talent ~ singing;
Caroline's talent ~ washing dishes; Wyatt's time ~ passed out candy.*

Pastoral Team

Pastoral Administrator

Deacon Larry Deford

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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 or email: cmaurer@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org.

Do good things whether others notice or not.
 It's the deeds that matter,
 not the size of your audience!

Youth Ministry News

Last week was busy for our youth with the Harvest Dance (and set-up), the Rake 'n Run event, and a Sunday evening gathering. Because of weather, we were unable to go to the Corn Maze, but our youth were able to relax and enjoy time together in the BT youth room. Thanks to Seth Messing and Shiloh Kotch for leading the group in prayer.

Our 6th graders did the "heavy" lifting on Wednesday by taking down tables and chairs in the social hall (they were excited for their first dance!). Our high school chaperones made sure everyone had fun at the dance. Our awesome adult chaperones kept an eye on things (thanks to Anne Zdanowski, Theresa Schafsnitz, Maria Hernandez, and Tracy Barker).

The Harvest Dance can't take place without the help of all of the above-mentioned volunteers. The biggest winner of the evening was the Hidden Harvest ministry because of the large amount of food donations that were collected.

 We had an awesome group of youth volunteer for our 25th annual Rake 'n Run event last Friday (also a day off from school). Many of the workers helped with the Harvest Dance the night before or came after their sports practice. That's dedication.....**that's our youth!**

Tonight/Sunday is a time for our youth to do something for a neighbor. Be the role model for others to follow! There is no gathering tonight. I'll see you again on November 11 (consult the postcard you received with November events!).

Being passionate for their faith is what I want for our youth. I believe all of us are what makes Blessed Trinity what it is. I'm so proud of our youth ~ they help make BT great!

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



BT youth were busy last week! Pictured above with parishioner Pat Dudewicz are the kids who showed up to rake her yard. Pictured below are the kids who helped set-up and chaperone at last Thursday's Harvest Dance. Great job, all!



Thank You

We just received your \$2,000.00 donation to the Mustard Seed Shelter to assist with Christmas gifts this year. Because of generous people like you, we can continue to provide homeless women and their children a loving, nurturing, and healthy place to heal and regain their "footing" in life.

Thank you for your investment in our ministry and for believing that our guests deserve to heal and grow from "homeless to housed."

Amy Bartels Roe, Director
 Mustard Seed Shelter, Saginaw, MI

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.

There will be many chapters in your life. Don't get lost in the one you're in now.

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 per week. We cannot handle a load of garage sale "leftovers." If you have more than this, please call Emmaus House for pick up at: 755-7538.

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 help feed the hungry and homeless at 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.

Sometimes it is harder for us to smile
 at those who live with us,
 the immediate members of our families,
 than it is to smile at those
 who are not so close to us.
 Let us never forget: love begins at home.
 (Mother Teresa)

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
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- ❖ Frankenmuth Historical Museum
- ❖ Frankenmuth Wickson District Library

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

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.

The Diocese of Saginaw encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others - no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Diocese of Saginaw by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 989-797-6682 or by emailing jfulgenzi@dioceseofsaginaw.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov. More information about the diocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at saginaw.org

Holiday Grief Support

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Bay City will host a Holiday Grief Support event on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For more info or to register, call 892-6031.



Mission Trip to Africa

Love for Lukulu is accepting applications for the Summer, 2019 Mission Trip to Lukulu, Zambia. This 17-day mission will change your life.

For more information, check out the website: loveforlukuluandbeyond and go to "current trip." The button on the upper right will take you to the application. Questions should be emailed to: birdhunter00@aol.com. Deadline is late November.

Formation Session

St. John Paul II Parish (formerly St. Josaphat Church) at 469 Shattuck Rd. in Saginaw will host a Formation Session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, December 1 at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

God has perfect timing; never early, never late.
It takes a little patience and a lot of faith.
But it's always worth the wait.

Pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Ireland

Batt Burns, a skilled storyteller, will guide us in a pilgrimage through Ireland under the spiritual direction of Fr. Bill Rutkowski and Fr. Francis George on September 10-19, 2019. Sights to visit will include: Our Lady of Knock Shrine, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rock of Cashel, Dublin, Rink of Kerry, Waterford, and the Cliffs of Moher. Daily sightseeing, Mass, lodging, meal, and more are included. For more information, call Fr. Bill at 989-797-6647.