

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.



Pastoral Team

Pastoral Administrator ~ Deacon Larry Deford

Pastoral Minister/Interim Director of Faith Formation ~ Karen Smith

Coordinator of Faith Formation ~ Pamela Daily

Director of Youth Ministry ~ Kathryn Cramer

Director of Music ~ Alissa Hetzner

Music Assistant ~ Steven Holovach

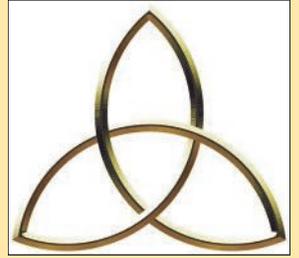
Parish Secretary ~ Lori Snyder

Bookkeeper ~ Carol Maurer

Director of Maintenance ~ Frederick Fitch

Maintenance Assistant ~ Philip Schmelzer

Commissioned Lay Ministers ~ Michael Snyder, Veronica Horn, Virginia Little, Katherine Haney, Joseph Ricard, Pamela Daily



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 13 & 14, 2018



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, October 15

Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus

Tuesday, October 16

Memorial of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Merry Widows Lunch at Davinci's

3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, October 17

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch

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. Diocesan Mass for the Unborn (here)

Thursday, October 18

Feast of St. Luke

3:00 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 Faith Formation Classes

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

Friday, October 19

Memorial of Ss. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues

Saturday, October 20

Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 21

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Men's Club Corporate Communion

11:00 a.m. Mass; Prayer for Candidates

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)

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry In-service Gathering



Scripture Readings for October 20 & 21, 2018

Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

Extreme Makeover

"Repair my church," said the voice of God to Francis of Assisi, who was praying in the dilapidated church of St. Damian. Francis got to work, immediately cleaning and repairing and restoring that disheveled building. It took him a while to realize God had great plans for Francis' repair and reform movement than just one tiny chapel.

But we can learn from Francis. When God's call comes, we don't have to understand it completely. We would do well to get busy tending to the challenges right in front of us: at home, on the job, in the neighborhood, and in the church.

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.

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Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator....

In continuing our discussion on prayer from last week, this past Wednesday's gospel reading was Luke's version of Jesus teaching the disciples the Lord's Prayer. Think how this prayer links us with all the great leaders in our rich, Catholic history....from Peter and Paul to Thomas Aquinas and Francis of Assisi....right up to present day. The desire to pray is embedded deep within us. We long to connect with the unconditional love of the Lord.

I've broken it down by verse, but I think it's worth spending time on. Matthew's account has more details about the Lord's Prayer, but one of Luke's main themes in his writings focuses on prayer. Each verse has its own wisdom and its own teaching. Our Father, because all things begin with our creator God. Our relationship with God is predicated with our relationship with Christ. Our prayers are always in community to our Father, Jesus's Father, for his will, his kingdom, for justice and peace to enter into this world. We praise God and give him glory and thanks for blessing each of us daily.

We ask for sustenance and give us just what we need each day. Just as He provided for the Israelites in the Old Testament, for their daily manna, we are called to share our resources so the needs of all men, women and children can be fulfilled. Teach us to share what we have so no one person goes without for unnecessary reasons.

At the end of each day, we take time to examine our conscious, our blessings and trials. We bless God for all the good we've received and ask for strength and courage to accept the challenges we face. How do we reach out and make a difference in these areas? That is for each of us to prayerfully consider.

We pray and ask the Father to be with us always, especially at the time of our final test, our last days here on earth, to watch over us, comfort our families, keep them safe and offer repose of our souls. In many accounts within the bible, it has been said we need to be like little children to enter the kingdom of God. Unconditional love is fully dependent on the Father for all things. Children, who harbor no ill will or barriers to love or acceptance of other men and women.

At the end of the day, each of us should feel free to crawl into the lap of Jesus, embracing his infinite love and peace.

Deacon Larry Deford

We Are Stewards

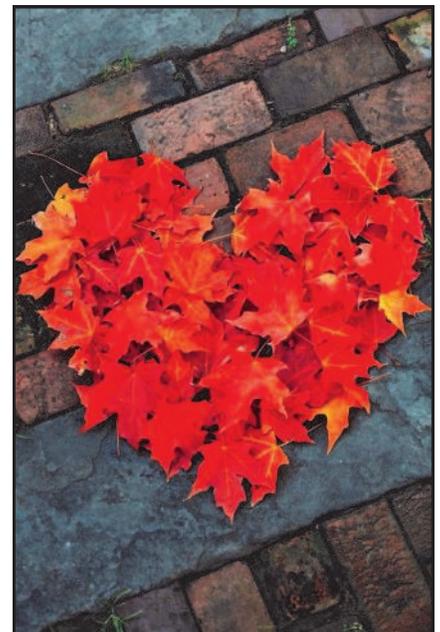
On-line Giving ~ September 30 - October 6, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$2,925.00
Parish Debt Retirement	45.00
Total	\$2,970.00

Weekend ~ October 6 & 7, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (168 envelopes)	\$10,336.00
Children's Contributions (4 envelopes)	9.25
Weekend Loose	938.40
Debt Retirement Contributions (5 envelopes)	150.00
World Mission Sunday Contributions (4 envelopes)	50.00
Weekend Total	\$11,483.65

Children's Stewardship Messages: Keegan's time ~ watched the dog; Natalie's time ~ helped a friend; Jack's talent ~ football.





Prayer of Peace

*Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.*

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.

Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.

Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.

Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.

Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

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.

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.



Leaders LEAD!

Faith Formation News

The month of October is a special time to honor Mary. Last week, grades 1-6 gathered around the statue of Mary in church to pray the Rosary. We will continue to learn about Mary throughout the month.

The children took home information regarding Saints. All children were asked to research a Saint, write about their life, and draw a picture of him/her. Please return papers by October 25.

These projects will be displayed in the gathering area for Mass on All Saints Day at 7:00 p.m. followed by a social. The children will have an active role in the liturgy as lectors, greeters, and altar servers.



Reminder – next week at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will have a prayer for those children who will be celebrating sacraments this year. After Mass, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., there is a required preparation session these children and their parents.

We are still in great need of a few volunteer catechists and also currently need a permanent catechist for grades 3 and 5. Some of our current catechists team-teach (alternating weeks with another catechist) which allows them time off that is needed for other things. Please consider helping out in this important ministry; our children's faith education is depending on it. Contact Pam Daily at: pdaily@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org or call 652-3259.

Karen Smith ~ Pastoral Minister
Interim Director of Faith Formation
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Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday, our high school youth will gather from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the parish. I hope to see all of our leaders in attendance for open forum night. Have homework? Bring it. Friends are always welcome. We'll make individual pizzas. Come hungry!

Thanks to all junior high youth who made it a priority to attend last Sunday's gathering where they made pizzas. The group also discussed their Confirmation and were given bookmarks with a Holy Spirit prayer (a daily reminder of what we receive at Confirmation and how we can live our lives!).

Thanks to high school leaders Katy Schuler, Claire Breinager and Seth Malmo who really enjoyed being with our grades 7 & 8 youth (and I know the grades 7 & 8 youth enjoyed having them lead!).

We have talked about leadership and our high school leaders asked the junior high youth to post leadership bible verses in their school lockers. One that was shared is: *"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."* (Philippians 2:4) Let's all be leaders in all that we do!

October will be a busy month for our youth:

- ◆ October 14 ~ HS gathering from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 20 ~ JH & HS gathering from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for Respect Life Month (we'll make baby blankets and play dodge ball)
- ◆ October 24 ~ Harvest Dance set-up at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ October 25 ~ Harvest Dance from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. to benefit Hidden Harvest (chaperones report at 6:30 p.m.)
- ◆ October 26 ~ Rake 'n Run Service Event for all in grades 6-12 and their families at 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME)
- ◆ October 28 ~ Weiss Corn Maze Event for all in grades 6-12 at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. to benefit Vassar Food Pantry

All youth should text me or sign up in the youth room to participate in the events listed above.

I need help from our parish family in support of our October events. Adult chaperones (4-5) are needed for the Harvest Dance. Helpers are needed for the Rake 'n Run event. If you are available and can help, please contact me today!

Last week, Aidan Maki read the bulletin and found his name - he was awarded a McDonalds gift card. Will Ashton Benkert find his name this week?

Thank you to all parents and youth who are making our youth gatherings a priority. I know that our kids are pulled in many directions, but having passion for our faith (even during difficult times) is our GOAL! Sometimes the busyness of our daily grind gets in the way, but today more than ever....we must build our faith community!

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Gabriella Cleveland and Nicholas Trombley served their parish community at last Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Reserve Judgement

Two very old titles for Jesus are King and Judge. His kingship over the universe is one of the "offices" or aspects of his divinity in which believers share, the other two being the priestly and prophetic.

Jesus is also the ultimate judge of the world - only God can judge, and Christ is God revealed. Hand in hand with Jesus being the Judge is that the rest of us are not.

The biblical message is clear: judging others calls down God's judgement on yourself. Another downside to judging is that it sets people over one another - "I'm better than you and so I can judge you" -when in fact all are equally subject to God.

Leave the ruling and judging to God and get to work loving your neighbor.

Pasta Fundraiser and Silent Auction

Boy Scout Troop #275 invites all to their Pasta Fundraiser and Silent Auction at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church, 346 E. Vates St. in Frankenmuth on Saturday, October 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

This all-you-can-eat dinner includes Mostaccioli, salad, dinner roll, and drink for \$8.00 - adults, \$5.00 - children ages 5-12, and free for those under age 5. Take outs are available.

All proceeds will benefit the Boy Scouts with tents and equipment, awards, outings, and much more.

Donate to Local Food Pantries

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

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.

Marriage Encounter

"Fall" in love all over again! Apply today to experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter enrichment weekend. A weekend will be held at the Saginaw Center for Ministry on November 2-4. Apply online at www.wvme.org or call 734-531-9191 for info.

Ministry Enrichment Day

The Diocese of Saginaw offers a Ministry Enrichment Day on Saturday, November 3 at Frankenmuth's Bavarian Inn Lodge. This event is an opportunity to expand your understanding of ministry and learn new ways of reaching out to those in need of Christ's loving touch.

The day includes a keynote address by Joe Paprocki, DMin., National Consultant for Faith Formation for Loyola Press. Cost is \$45.00 and includes lunch and many breakout sessions. The day will conclude with Mass. For more info, see the flyer on the gathering area bulletin board or call 797-6654. RSVP by October 15.

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.

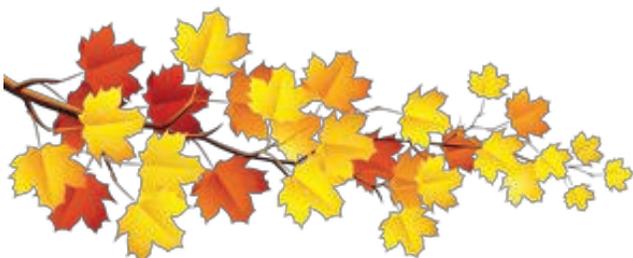
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Luncheon & Card Party

The Altar Society of Ss. Francis and Clare Parish in Birch Run invites all to their Luncheon and Card Party on Tuesday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m. Luncheon will be served at 6:00 p.m. for a donation of \$5.00 per person. Bring all your friends! Fill a table! Play cards or your game of choice! Door prizes! Cash raffles! Table prizes! Chinese auction!



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.com 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.



Fall Craft & Vendor Bazaar

Saint John Paul II Parish, 3055 Harrison St. in Saginaw - off Shattuck Rd. in Carrollton) invites all to their Fall Craft & Vendor Bazaar on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. There will be raffles, crafters, vendors, a bake sale, a Mexican Luncheon and the return of Santa's Used Workshop. All are welcome!

Frankenmuth Senior Center

Local folks who are age 60+ are invited to gather at the Frankenmuth Senior Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the City Hall basement (elevator available).

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day; cost is \$2.00 per person (milk or coffee an additional .25c) RSVP for lunch at 652-3430, ext. 197. Each week's menu is printed in the Frankenmuth News.

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