

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 1, 2017



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

Pastor

Rev. Robert H. Byrne

Pastoral Minister

Karen Smith

Director of Faith Formation

Carol Fox

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

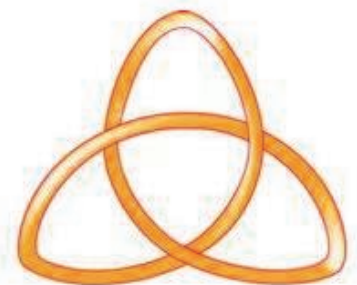
Michael Snyder

Veronica Horn

Joe Ricard

Virginia Little

Katherine Haney



Worship in Our Parish

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, October 2

Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels

Tuesday, October 3

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, October 4

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, October 5

Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Friday, October 6

Memorial of St. Bruno

10:30 a.m. Mass at Wellspring

Saturday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

2:00 p.m. The Wedding of
Craig Felske and Stacy Rayl

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 8

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass with Rite of Enrollment



Scripture Readings for October 7 & 8, 2017

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

Parish Event Schedule

Tuesday, October 3

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

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

Wednesday, October 4

11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Study

3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, October 5

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

Saturday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Blessing of Pets

Sunday, October 8

11:00 a.m. Faith for 3's, Faith for 4's,
and Kindergarten Classes

11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word

1:00 p.m. Flu Shot Clinic

3:00 p.m. Parent/Child Sacrament Session

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Gathering

General Information

Parish Contact Info

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Fax # ~ 989-652-2206

Email Inquiry ~ lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

Website ~ www.blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 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.

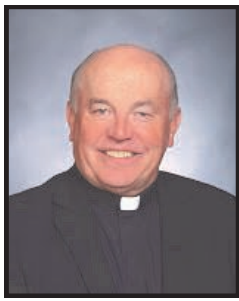
Bulletin Submission Deadline

Text and pictures for the bulletin should be emailed by 12:00 noon on Monday each week to: 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 Mass on the weekend, be sure to write your prayer intentions in the Book of Life in the back of church.

Notes From Our Pastor



Our condolences and prayers continue to go out to Kevin and Ruth and all of the Horn family on the loss of their beautiful little "Zellie." The funeral liturgy took place here at Blessed Trinity last Thursday. I am very grateful to Fr. Alberto Vargas, pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish in Reese, who kindly came to preside at the funeral with me so we could pray in both English and Spanish.

The pain and sorrow that parents and families feel when a little one dies cannot be described in words. At times like this, I feel especially grateful that we have the liturgy prepared for us by the Catholic Church which includes the words of the scriptures and the words of our tradition to console us and support our faith.

We believe without any doubt that Zellie is now with our Risen Lord Jesus in heaven. We don't have to pray for her because she was united with Christ in baptism and was never parted from him through sin. She is where we all hope to be one day. We do need to pray for all of us who are still on the journey of life because we can turn away from Christ through our sins.

Grant us peace, Lord, grant us your peace.

Next Saturday, October 7, there is an opportunity to bring your pets to the Blessed Trinity parking lot any time between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. for a **special blessing** in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. I will be repeating the blessing throughout the hour whenever a small group of pets has gathered.

I do conclude the blessing by sprinkling the animals with the holy baptismal water. Some people ask if I could give additional sprinkling to their pets because they are so full of energy and need to calm down. I know there are many benefits for those who are blessed with the holy water but I have never found that it calms overly energetic dogs (or children, for that matter)!

The **evening catechism group** will meet this coming Thursday at 6:30 p.m. We will be reading through the sections on the liturgy and the sacraments in our sessions this year. All are welcome.

Fr. Bob Byrne

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving/E-Tithing ~ September 17-23, 2017

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,967.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Total	\$1,972.00

Weekend ~ September 23 & 24, 2017

Parish Adult Contributions (167 envelopes)	\$8,147.00
Weekend Loose	875.00
Children's Contributions (4 envelopes)	3.66
Parish Debt Retirement (4 envelopes)	85.00
Weekend Total	\$9,110.66

Children's stewardship: Aidan's talent ~ running Cross Country; Wyatt's time ~ visiting Grandpa in the hospital; Mya's time ~ fed baby brother; Emma's talent ~ piano.

Our sponsor of the week is:
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One small positive thought
in the morning
can change your whole day.

Youth Ministry News

We kicked off our season with a great tailgate party last Sunday evening. We have a game plan and are ready to execute it. Thanks to all youth who attended. I look forward to an awesome year!

“What’s Mission and How Am I Called to Serve?” Our grades 7-12 youth will gather tonight/Sunday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. to discuss this topic. It’s smoothie night, too! (NCYC participants should plan to stay after tonight’s gathering to discuss our coming trip.)

We still have three available spots for the NCYC trip - let me know if you are interested.

Our 2017 Harvest Dance will be held on Thursday, October 26. The Vassar Food Pantry will receive all food donations collected at this event. I need adult chaperones to help out with the dance; please let me know if you are available.

**We are building a faith community!
Encourage your child to participate!
I promise they won’t be disappointed!**

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Faith Formation News

This week's Gospel reminds us to look for opportunities to say YES to God. If a substitute altar server is needed....volunteer. Hold the door for someone who needs help....and greet them with a smile. Help out at home....without being asked. Ask yourself: are you more like the first son in the parable, or the second one?

Moms and dads are asked to please review, empty, and sign the parent signature sheet in their child's Faith Formation folder each week. A “Gospel at Home” sheet will be sent home in the folder and details the week’s lesson with suggestions for parental support and family activities.

Families should plan to attend the “Blessing of the Pets” on Saturday, October 7 between 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the parish parking lot.



We will observe the Feast Day of the Guardian Angels on October 2 and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. All of our age 3 - 12th grade students will be learning about many notable saints during the month of October in preparation for All Saints' Day on November 1.

Carol Fox ~ Director of Faith Formation
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Pictured above is the St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Garden at Blessed Trinity.

Flu Shot Clinic

Wellspring Lutheran Services is sponsoring a Flu Shot Clinic at Blessed Trinity on Sunday, October 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the parish library/conference room. All are welcome!



Fill your life with adventures, not things. Have stories to tell not stuff to show.

Book Study

A bi-weekly evening book study is being formed at the parish. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. Our discussion will be on "A Well Built Faith" by Joe Paprocki. We'll discuss chapters 1 & 2.

The book covers the four pillars of the Catholic faith using a variety of ways. Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the author includes short personal stories, humor, and wisdom about our faith.

The cost of the book is \$10.00 and may be picked up in the parish office. For more info, please call Karen Smith at 652-3259 or email: ksmith@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org.

Welcome to Blessed Trinity!

We welcome the Denman family to Blessed Trinity: Rebecca, Natalie, Daniel, and Andrew. Rebecca is a supervisor at Duro Last in Saginaw. Daniel and Natalie will join us for Faith Formation classes this year. We look forward to sharing time in faith with your family!

We welcome the Reeves family back to Michigan and as new members of Blessed Trinity. Prior to living in North Carolina, Alex, Jeannette, Jacob and Alondra lived in Southern Michigan. They look forward to getting involved in a Bible Study and the Youth Group.



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 information, email or call Carol Maurer at: cmaurer@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org or 652-3259.

Fr. Bob's Homilies ~ Now Recorded

Parishioners have asked for copies of Fr. Bob's homilies, and we are now able to record and transfer it to a CD. If you would like a copy of a certain week's homily, please contact the parish office with the date of the Mass you would like to receive.

Your CD will be available the following weekend for pick up or at another designated time that works for you. *Note: although we try to do our best, there may be technical issues that will not allow recording on a certain week, making the homily unavailable.*

Stretch Your Faith

Being an example of faith to others means extending the branches of your life outward. Extend a branch a little farther today and say a silent prayer for someone in your life who is struggling. Do not doubt the power of a lived faith that extends beyond your arms and into others' hearts.



MyParish App for Android and iPhone

MyParish is an app to help Catholics stay connected with their parish, diocese, and the universal Church. The app has many features including our Mass times, calendar of events, and a link to our parish bulletin. It offers daily Scripture readings and reflections, Catholic prayers, and Catholic news. It even offers health tips!

You can get the FREE MyParish app on your phone by texting App to 88202 or by downloading it through the App Store or Google Play.

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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry/Blood Drive

Look for the Blood Bus at the Frankenmuth/Birch Run Knights of Columbus Council 7233 hall on Dixie Hwy. on Friday, October 6. The Knights will host their annual Fish Fry from 12:30 - 6:00 p.m. that day. Every registered blood donor will receive a FREE FISH DINNER. See the flyer on our gathering area bulletin board for more info.

Knights of Columbus Scrap Metal Drive

The Frankenmuth/Birch Run Knights of Columbus Council 7233 is conducting their semi-annual scrap metal drive on Saturday, October 21 at their hall on Dixie Hwy. in Birch Run. Previous drives have supported local parishes, helped send youth on mission trips, and funded food pantries in Birch Run and Vassar. Proceeds from the October drive will benefit the K of C Scholarship Fund for area high school seniors.

You can drop off at the hall on October 21 or arrange for a pick up from your home. Any scrap metal items of steel, aluminum, copper, or other metals will be accepted. Call Bob at 652-6347 for info or to arrange for pick up.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Do you wish you could be involved with a ministry that uses your gifts and talents? Do you wish you could be part of a ministry without leaving your home? The Prayer Shawl Ministry is for you!

For several years, Blessed Trinity has been involved in the chemo cap and prayer shawl ministry to St. Mary's of Michigan. Folks craft the caps and shawls, bring them to BT where they are tagged with the crafter's name, then delivered to St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw.



The items are distributed by St. Mary's chaplains to people who are experiencing difficulties with cancer and/or hospitalized with other life-threatening illnesses. There is always a need for these items, for both men and women. You would be amazed at the reactions the chaplains receive upon gifting the patients with these labors of love.

We have patterns available for the caps and shawls. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in this ministry.

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Blessing of Pets

All parish families who would like Fr. Bob to bless their family pet are invited to the annual "Blessing of the Pets" on Saturday, October 7 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the parish parking lot.

Sponsor Sanctuary Lamp

Parishioners are invited to make an offering for the candles used in the sanctuary lamp. This is the red lamp that burns 24/7 before the tabernacle, reminding 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. Each candle burns for seven days and 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. The names will be printed in the bulletin for the designated week.

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.



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.



Saginaw County Right to Life

The Saginaw Country Right to Life Celebrate Life Benefit Dinner with guest speaker, Sue Thayer (a former Planned Parenthood Manager), will take place on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:15 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center. Plan to join hundreds of other pro-lifers as we celebrate life. Call 799-4464 or send an email to sagcountyrtrl@yahoo.com for more info.

No one ever injured their eyesight by looking on the bright side.

Donate to Vassar Food Pantry

As you are grocery shopping each week, please consider purchasing an extra item or two for the Vassar Food Pantry, which services families in our area. Needed items include paper supplies, laundry detergent, dish-washing soap, personal care items, as well as boxed and canned food items. Drop off your donations at the parish during weekly office hours or when you come to weekend Masses. Thank you!

Summer Zambia Mission

If you are interested in a mission experience to Africa, applications for the Lukulu, Zambia mission will be accepted until November 15 at: loveforlukulu.org. Please send your application to: dave@bayindustrialfinishing.com. Questions about this event can be directed to Fr. Bob Deland at: frbobstagnes@aol.com or call 297-7681.