

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 8, 2017

“the stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...”

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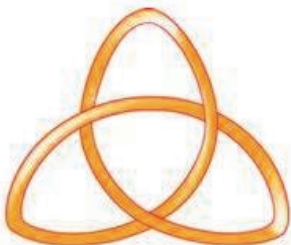
Parish Mission Statement

*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.*



Worship in Our Parish

Liturgical Calendar

Monday, October 9

Memorial of St. Denis and Companions

Tuesday, October 10

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, October 11

Memorial of St. John XXIII

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, October 12

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

10:30 a.m. Mass at Medilodge

Saturday, October 14

Memorial of St. Callistus I

2:00 p.m. The Wedding of

Kevin McQuillan and Kaitlyn Cramer

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

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 15

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass with Baptism



Scripture Readings for October 14 & 15, 2017

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Parish Event Schedule

Tuesday, October 10

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

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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

6:30 p.m. Book Study Group ~ A Well-Built Faith

Wednesday, October 11

11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Study

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

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

Thursday, October 12

10:00 a.m. Morning Book Club Meets

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

Friday, October 13

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saturday, October 14

11:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, October 15

11:00 a.m. FF3's, FF4's & Kindergarten Classes

Children's Liturgy of the Word

General Information

Parish Contact Info

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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.

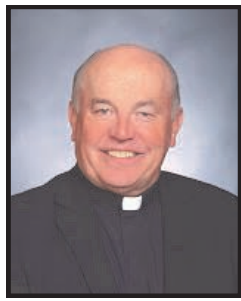
Bulletin Submission Deadline

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



Since announcing my decision to retire next year, a number of couples have asked me if I would do the special **anniversary blessing** for them before I go, even if they are not celebrating a "milestone" anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, etc.).

Last Sunday morning when I received a request like that just before the 9:00 Mass, I decided to invite all of the couples celebrating wedding anniversaries that week to come forward and receive an anniversary blessing from the community. Four couples came forward at that Mass and six couples at the 11:00 Mass. At the end of the Masses, I said that I would be offering blessings for all of the couples celebrating anniversaries before next July.

Now that I have had time to think about this, I have developed a plan for these blessings. On one weekend each month (generally the first weekend of the month) I will offer a blessing at each of the Masses for all of the couples celebrating wedding anniversaries that month – any anniversary from one year and up.

This weekend (today), I am offering blessings for all couples who celebrate anniversaries in October. The dates for future months are listed below. After communion at each Mass on these weekends, I will invite all of the couples who wish to receive the blessing to come to the front. I know that some people are very shy but I hope that it can be overcome for this occasion. No one has to come forward.

The other weekends for the anniversary blessings will be: November 11 & 12, December 2 & 3, January 6 & 7, February 3 & 4, March 3 & 4, April 7 & 8, May 5 & 6, and June 2 & 3. In addition to this, couples who are celebrating "milestone" anniversaries can schedule a special blessing at any Mass on any weekend. I already have several couples on the schedule for this fall.

We believe that marriage is a calling from God. As all married couples know, it is not always easy to live out this calling. As we all know, some of these relationships do not endure. However, the community of faith needs the witness of married couples as a reflection of the lasting commitment of Christ to the Church, symbolized as his bride. The ritual of an anniversary blessing is a way to pray for our married couples and a way for us to honor this holy vocation of marriage.

Our prayers and condolences go out to parishioners Randy and Amy Wiles on the death of their family member, **Benjamin Brush**, and to all of Ben's family and friends. The funeral liturgy took place this week at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Bridgeport. May he find rest in God's eternal peace.

Fr. Bob Byrne

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving/E-Tithing ~ September 24-30, 2017

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,147.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Total	\$1,152.00

Weekend ~ September 30 & October 1, 2017

Parish Adult Contributions (171 envelopes)	\$7,202.00
Weekend Loose	734.00
Children's Contributions (2 envelopes)	1.73
Parish Debt Retirement (5 envelopes)	115.00
Weekend Total	\$8,052.73

Children's stewardship: Wyatt's talent ~ cut down trees with neighbor;
Luke's time ~ helped mom with laundry.

*weekend altar flowers
are sponsored by
the Michael Prysak Family
in honor of
Cecilia Masztak's
100th birthday*

*our sanctuary candle
is sponsored by Bill Sleno
in honor of
James & Anna Sleno*



Get Your Flu Shot Today

Wellspring Lutheran Services is sponsoring a Flu Shot Clinic at Blessed Trinity today/Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in room #8 of the classroom wing. Roll up your sleeve and stop in!

Faith Formation News

Fourteen 2nd grade candidates and their families will participate in the Rite of Enrollment and their first whole-family preparation session today/Sunday. Their pictures and sacrament banners will hang at the church entrance as a prayer reminder to all as the children prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion in the coming year.

It is not too late to register your child/children for Faith Formation Classes or Catechesis of the Good Shepherd sessions. Please contact me for more information or to obtain registration materials.



October 7 was the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. During this month traditionally dedicated to Mary, our students will recite the rosary in church on October 10, 11 & 12 at 4:00 p.m. each day. Parents and grandparents are invited to join us. Extra rosaries will be available to use or bring your own. Please join us in prayer!

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

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 email Karen Smith at ksmith@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org or call 652-3259.

Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday will find our grades 7-12 youth gathering from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. to discuss, "Are You A Saint?" It's cheesy bread night. I hope to see you!

Thanks to all who have been participating in our Sunday evening gatherings. Special thanks to our high school youth who are incredible leaders and role models for our junior high youth. Building a faith community takes leadership from all!

NCYC participants met last Sunday to discuss plans for our coming trip. We'll meet again at the end of October. We do have three open spots for any 9-12 grade youth who would like to go. See me if you are interested.

Our annual Youth Harvest Dance will take place on Thursday, October 26 from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Adult chaperones are needed; please contact me if you can help.

Mark your calendars for these coming events:

- ◆ October 8 ~ JH & HS Youth Gathering
- ◆ October 22 ~ JH & HS Youth Gathering
- ◆ October 25 ~ prepare/set up for Harvest Dance
- ◆ October 26 ~ Harvest Dance
- ◆ October 29 ~ Corn Maze Fun Event

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Seek respect, not attention. It lasts longer.

Our sponsor of the week is:

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Frank & Yvonne Frysh, Brian & Karla Glowiak, Mike & Linda Lewis, and Emil & Delores Mueller received wedding anniversary blessings from Fr. Bob at last Sunday's 9:00 a.m. Mass. Congratulations to all!

Tithing Committee News

Thanks to your continuing generosity, the Blessed Trinity Tithing Committee was able to distribute \$15,000.00 in funds to seven different organizations in the past quarter. Three recipients are organizations we have supported in the past:

- ◆ *Love for Lukulu and Beyond* ~ a mission group to Zambia founded by Fr. Bob Deland of Freeland's St. Agnes Parish;
- ◆ *HIS Restoration Ministries* ~ helping remodel homes for single mothers;
- ◆ *Children's Christmas Store* ~ helping Saginaw-area parents purchase gifts for their children;

New organizations include:

- ◆ *First Choice of Saginaw* ~ providing gift cards to low-income residents in Saginaw-area adult foster care homes for personal needs;
- ◆ *Kingdom Builders Ministries* ~ making a difference in the Saginaw community by fixing houses, giving jobs to young men, planting orchards in the east side neighborhoods and much more;
- ◆ *Third Chance Ministries* of Danville, Virginia ~ opens their homes and their lives to the community they live in through working to make the neighborhood a better place to live;
- ◆ *Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries* in Sebewaing ~ we are helping re-plant trees in the camp.

We will highlight these organizations in more detail in the coming weeks.

Anointing of the Sick

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick during all weekend Masses on October 21 & 22. This is an opportunity for the parish community to pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering with illness, disabilities, and health issues of many kinds.

Through our prayer and the anointing with the Oil of the Sick, we ask God to strengthen them and to bless them with the kind of health that is His will for them. If you would like to be anointed, please sign up in the back of church or call the parish office.

Clothesline Store News

Parish workers at the Clothesline Store are asked to check the sign-up book on the gathering area shelves and volunteer to serve a shift or two in the coming months. Help is especially needed on Saturday, October 21 and Tuesday, October 31.

Your help is greatly appreciated as our wonderful re-sale store serves the Frankenmuth and surrounding communities. Thanks for all you do!

Nursing Home Help Needed

Many of you know that parishioner, Rose Seder, has been very active in our Nursing Home Ministry for many years. We are in need of volunteers to help in this ministry until Rose is ready to come back from an illness. We are looking for:

- ⇒ Help lead the Rosary on Tuesday mornings at Medilodge.
- ⇒ Take Holy Communion to residents at Wellspring.
- ⇒ Be present at the monthly Masses held at area assisted living/nursing homes.

We are always in need of volunteers for our entire Nursing Home Ministry. An easy way to get started is by attending just one of the Masses each month. Please help us continue this important ministry to our community. Contact Karen Smith at the parish for more information or to volunteer.

**People are like Oreos.
The good stuff is on the inside.**





High school youth gathered last Sunday at the St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Garden to study God's word.



Parish lectors met last Tuesday in the newly remodeled library/conference room for a virtual workshop.

Time to decide....some things in our lives can be left to float in indecision or even inattention. That's the pile of stuff on your desk or in the closet you keep adding to but never subtract from. Other things require commitment. And, every commitment we make is an act of faith in God, faith that God will see us through, come better or worse.

Think of the extraordinary commitments we make to friends, spouses, family, neighbors, and employers. Sometimes it is time to choose. Or, as Yogi Berra quipped: when you come to a fork in the road, take it!

Book Club News

The Blessed Trinity Book Club recently held its inaugural meeting to discuss the book [A Big Heart Open to God - A Conversation with Pope Francis](#), the 2013 interview for the worldwide Jesuit magazine by Fr. Anthony Spadaro, S.J.



In this interview, Pope Francis' holiness, humility, and humanity shine forth as he discusses what drew him to the Jesuits, how he views the Papacy and his role in it. Two themes stand out: the Jesuitical emphasis on discernment, of determining just what it is in our life that will allow us to follow the Lord more closely, and Francis' own emphasis on the importance of mercy in our dealing with others.

The second half of this slim volume contains "responses," the thoughts of some well and lesser-known Catholics, reflecting on various aspects of the Pope's conversation, as well as a spiritual reflection written by Fr. James Martin, S.J.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on Thursday, October 12 at 10:00 a.m. when we'll discuss [How God Hauled Me Kicking and Screaming Into the Catholic Church](#) by Kevin Lowry.



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.

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.

Diocesan Formation Sessions

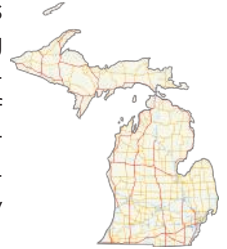
The Diocese of Saginaw will hold a formation session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Wednesday, October 25 at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church in Bay City. Contact the Liturgy Office at 797-6665 if you have questions regarding the formation or certification process.

Let the Little Children Come to Me

Bishop Cistone will celebrate a special Mass of Remembrance for the unborn with candle lighting to honor all babies who have died in their mother's womb. Parents and families grieving the loss of unborn child are encouraged to attend on Thursday, October 19 at Midland's Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church at 7:00 p.m. For more info, please call Lori at 797-6652.

A Michigan Sampler

All are invited to attend a special benefit for the East Side Soup Kitchen on Monday, October 16 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Castle Museum in Downtown Saginaw. Price is \$50.00 per person by calling 989-755-3663 for tickets. Featured will be an assortment of Michigan products, gourmet appetizers, beer and wine, silent auction and live music by Robert Lee Revue.



*Happy are those who take life day by day,
complain very little, and are thankful
for the little things in life.*