

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

989-652-3259

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 22 & 23, 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.

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, and Pamela Daily



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.

This Week in Our Parish

Tuesday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 12:30 p.m. Cemetery Committee Meeting
- 3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes
- 6:00 p.m. Christian Service Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 26

Memorial of Ss. Cosmas and Damian

- 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

Thursday, September 27

Memorial of St. Vincent de Paul

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

Friday, September 28

Memorial of St. Wenceslaus

Saturday, September 29

Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

- 11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Pets
- 5:00 p.m. Mass



Sunday, September 30

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Mass with Baptism
- 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. High School Youth Ministry Gathering

Scripture Readings for September 29 & 30, 2018

Numbers 11:25-29

James 5:1-6

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator....

Last week there were several diocesan events such as a golf and dinner benefit to raise money for the seminarians, a David Haas Concert, and a day of Adoration and Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral.

With all the difficulties we face as a diocese, the David Haas Concert was refreshing and uplifting for the spirit. Connie and I attended and Holy Spirit Parish in Shields was full of people and excitement. I saw many friendly faces from around the Diocese of Saginaw with Fr. Bob Byrne sitting right behind us. The best part for me was listening to our own Alissa Hetzner sing with David Haas. It was a night to just kick back, sing along with familiar music, and listen to David's stories which were tied to how he created his songs in the first place. David and Alissa are great local talents! Afterwards, there were many small groups chatting in the parking lot about how grateful they were for this event.

Friday was a day of adoration at the cathedral which allowed time before the Blessed Sacrament, and prayers for the wellness of Bishop Cistone, our diocese, and Catholics everywhere. It started with a 6:45 a.m. Liturgy and parishioners were there throughout the day for as long as they wanted or needed, solemnly praying for all of us. Unlike the concert the night before, it was a much different, prayerful experience.

I attended the 5:30 p.m. Liturgy with Fr. Jozwiak presiding. I saw many familiar faces from several parishes while there. After the Liturgy, I visited folks at St. Mary's Hospital and later presided at the Benediction at the cathedral at 9:00 p.m. Both events, each in their own way, helped feed our souls as we move forward in this difficult time.

At a going away party for Connie and I (as we relocate our family home), a close friend came that I didn't expect (because of her recent health diagnosis and treatment). She is experiencing difficulty with medications and it took great effort for her to leave home. We had a great conversation about her health and the suffering she endures with her treatments. Her attitude is remarkable and I was touched by her courage, steadfast faith, belief and trust in God, and His direction for her life.

My friend's message is the way of the Cross of Christ. We share fully with the life of Christ: He was mistreated, hung upon a cross, died for our sins, and three days later resurrected in glory for all of us. He is the key to our Father. Each of us share in His suffering, joy and promise of everlasting life.

*God has a plan for me and you.
Find the joys each day as we discover the gifts of Jesus.*

Deacon Larry Deford

We Are Stewards

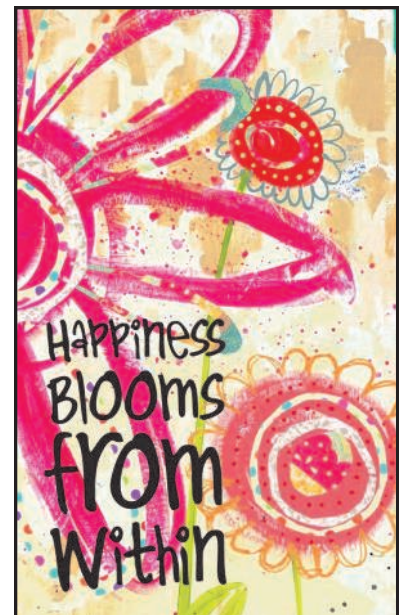
On-line Giving ~ September 9 - 15, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,290.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Total	\$1,295.00

Weekend ~ September 15 & 16, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (147 envelopes)	\$6,119.00
Children's Contributions (4 envelopes)	5.00
Weekend Loose	810.00
Debt Retirement Contributions (1 envelope)	20.00
Weekend Total	\$6,954.00

Children's Stewardship Messages: Mya's time ~ babysitting; Keegan's time ~ watched the dog.



Meet Pam Daily!

I am so pleased to be the new Coordinator of Religious Education at Blessed Trinity! I've been volunteering as a 3rd grade catechist here for nine years. In October, 2017 I was commissioned as a Lay Minister for this parish. Please keep me in your prayers as I join the BT staff and take on this new role.

I have been married to my husband, Raymond Daily, for 41 years and we have lived in Frankenmuth since 1997. We have two grown children who bring us much joy (Scott lives in Ypsilanti and Sarah lives in Lansing).

My mom, Linda Weinhold, moved to Frankenmuth two years ago and often sits with me at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Mom and I both became Catholic later in our lives. The two of us often say to each other that it was the best thing we ever did, and we are so grateful that God called us to this parish community.

Over the course of my life, I've worked at a bank (Comerica), a brokerage firm (Edward Jones), and a law office (Julie A. Gafkay, PLC). I've been an assistant branch manager, a branch operations administrator, a paralegal, and a bookkeeper. Those jobs have taught me much and I've enjoyed them, but my role as a catechist and this new role of CRE are where my heart is.

If we haven't met, please stop to introduce yourself!



Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could;
some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in.
Forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day.
You shall begin it well and serenely. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? Are you thinking about becoming Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that welcomes anyone who has a desire to know more about the Catholic Church. It is not a program and there is no cost for this process.

It is a time to discover the beauty of the Catholic Church and grow in your relationship with God. RCIA is tailored to welcome and respect each person on their unique journey of faith. There is no set time frame; everyone will proceed at their own comfort level with the help and support of our RCIA team.

Persons enter the Catholic Church when they are ready, with many adults who are not baptized entering the Church at the Easter Vigil. Those who are already baptized are received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at various times throughout the year depending upon their faith background and their readiness.

For more information about RCIA, please contact Karen Smith at the parish: 989-652-3259.

Book Club News

The next meeting of the Blessed Trinity Book Club will be on Tuesday, October 9 at 11:00 a.m. We'll discuss *Hillbilly Elegy, A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance. All are welcome!



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.

Know yourself. Love yourself.
Trust yourself. Be yourself.

Faith Formation News

Classes begin today/Sunday and we offer a warm welcome to all students and parents and grandparents as we begin another year of Faith Formation!

We're excited about our new program - **Finding God**. We will explore people and places where we can see God at work....through the lives of the saints, in art and song and story, in our relationships with our families and our communities, and especially through prayer.

Parents, please watch for your child's yellow take-home folder. We will send important information home about Faith Formation events in this folder. We ask that you review the folder's contents each week and sign the return sheet that stays tucked into it. There is also a revised copy of the class schedule in the folder.

Here's the new schedule!

- ◆ Sunday, September 23 ~ Faith for 3's, Faith for 4's, and Kindergarten classes begin
- ◆ Tuesday, September 25 ~ grades 3 & 4 classes begin
- ◆ Wednesday, September 26 ~ grades 5 & 6 classes begin
- ◆ Thursday, September 27 ~ grades 1 & 2 classes begin

Important schedule changes include:

- ⇒ NO CLASS for grades 1 & 2 on November 1
- ⇒ NO CLASS for grades 3 & 4 on November 27

Save the dates!

- ◆ Thursday, November 1 ~ All Saints Day Mass
- ◆ Tuesday, November 27 ~ Advent Wreath Family Night

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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.

Youth Ministry News

Tonight/Sunday is a gathering for our 7th & 8th grade youth and their friends from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. We'll make apple cider with the help of parishioners Gary & Corrine Wellman, and of course, donuts are also on the menu! Our discussion will focus on, "Why Don't We Take the Lead?" with high school leaders Katy Schuler, Seth Malmo, and Zeb Lupcke. See you tonight!

Last Sunday's tailgate event was a great success with a fun evening of food, giveaways, and fellowship. Everyone discussed their faith and signed up for future leadership opportunities. Thanks to all who attended and to those who helped with clean up: Andrew Harris, Claire Breinager, Ian Sutherland, Ashton Benkert, and Seth Malmo.

Ashton Benkert talked to us last Sunday about his experience with YES (Youth Encounter Service) Camp this past summer. He told about how he served people in need in the Saginaw area. This was truly mission work in "his own back yard." Thanks for sharing your awesome experience!

Our first official high school gathering will take place on Sunday, September 30 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. with a theme of, "How Do We Answer the Call to Serve?" If you have practice, please come after. Homework? Bring it along. I hope to see all of you!

It was a wonderful Catechetical Sunday with families checking out classrooms and the youth room, sharing pizza and pop, and socializing! I was happy to meet the younger members of our parish family. We are BT! We make it what it is! I look forward to a great year!

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
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Youth Ministry tailgate fun!

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.

Women's Retreat

Do you need a spiritual recharge? St. Agnes Catholic Church in Freeland will host a Women's Retreat on Saturday, September 29 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Mass celebrated at 4:30 p.m.)

The retreat will be based on St. Theresa of Avila's Seven Stages in the Journey of Faith. Lay Ministers Mary Jo Kerlin and Jean Thiele from Blessed Sacrament will lead this gathering. Cost is \$10.00 each and includes lunch. Please RSVP to Sarah at 989-694-5652.



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 celebrated by Bishop Cistone. For more info, see the flyer on the gathering area bulletin board or call 797-6654. RSVP by October 15.

*Caregiving Tools
Finding Joy in the Journey*

Crossroads Counseling and Stephen Ministry present a workshop on Saturday, October 13 at Uptown North Main, 975 N. Main St. in Frankenmuth for family, friends, or professional caregivers. Marti Hannon, caregiver, presenter, and founder of World Changer Consulting will speak on related topics.

You can choose which time you'd like to attend the workshop: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon or 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. There is no cost. See the flyer on the gathering area bulletin board for more info or call 652-0764.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

McLaren Hospice will sponsor volunteer training classes on Monday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on October 1, 8, 15, and 22 at McLaren Caro Hospital, 401 N. Hooper St. in Caro. No previous medical experience is necessary.

If you are available for a few extra hours per month and searching for a volunteer experience, we invite you to join our caring team of volunteers. For more info, contact Sue at 989-316-4349.

Spanish Mass

All are invited to participate in a Spanish Mass at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 6. This liturgy will celebrate rich traditions of the Hispanic community. Call 797-6646 for more information.

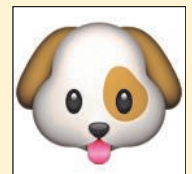
Casino Bus Trip

St. Francis de Sales (St. Christopher Parish in Bridgeport) offers a Casino Bus Trip on October 30 & 31. The group will travel to Turtle Creek Casino and Odawa. See more information on the flyer at the gathering area bulletin board. Please RSVP ASAP.

Our sponsor of the week is:

Bavarian Veterinary Hospital

To view this ad, see the back of the bulletin.
Please patronize our sponsors.
They make the bulletin possible.



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 (names will be printed in the bulletin for the designated week).



ASSEMBLY 2365

24th Annual
FISH FRIES

FRANKENMUTH/BIRCH RUN

Knights of Columbus

(1mile North of Birch Run Road)



COUNCIL #7233

Shrimp Dinners
All-you-Can-Eat Cod Dinners

TAKE OUT OR EAT IN 11:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

- **October 5, 2018**
Blood Drive
12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Free Dinner to Donors
- **January 4, 2019**
Blood Drive
12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Free Dinner to Donors
- **March 15, 2019**
Blood Drive
12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Free Dinner to Donors
- **April 5, 2019**
- **November 2, 2018**
In Honor of Veterans Day
Active Military & Veterans
Eat Free
- **February 1, 2019**
- **March 22, 2019**
- **April 12, 2019**
- **December 7, 2018**
SANTA VISITS 4:00—7:00
- **March 8, 2019**
- **March 29, 2019**
- **April 19, 2019**

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It's not who you are that holds you back, it's who you think you're not.