

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

958 E. Tuscola St., Frankenmuth, Michigan

989-652-3259

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 29 & 30, 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*

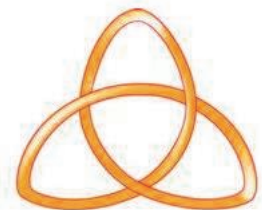
*Parish Secretary
Lori Snyder*

*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
Pamela Daily*



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, October 1

Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Tuesday, October 2

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

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

Wednesday, October 3

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, October 4

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi
3:00 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 Faith Formation Classes

Friday, October 5

Memorial of Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

Saturday, October 6

Memorial of St. Bruno

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, October 7

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Flu Shot Clinic
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)
6:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Ministry Gathering



Scripture Readings for October 6 & 7, 2018

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

Update on Bishop Cistone

After the initial round of chemotherapy and radiation earlier this year, Bishop Cistone was undergoing immunotherapy in treatment for lung cancer.

Unfortunately the immunotherapy proved not to be an effective treatment for the Bishop. He is now undergoing a more intensive round of chemotherapy.

Your prayers have been and continue to be a source of support and strength for Bishop Cistone, for which he is truly grateful. Please keep Bishop - and all who are fighting cancer - in your prayers.

our weekend altar flowers
are sponsored by the Felske family
in honor of
Braxton Felske's Baptism

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.

Prayer isn't a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble. It is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path through out.

Thoughts from our Pastoral Administrator....

This week has already been a nice learning curve for me, as I've met with the Endowment Fund Committee and the Cemetery Committee.

Blessed Trinity is in sound, fiscal shape. We continue to receive donations toward our Endowment Fund, which is used exclusively for our parish. Last year, dollars were used to fund the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. This children's learning program was founded some 60 years ago by two Italian laywomen - one a scriptural scholar and the other an expert in Montessori education. The program is offered on three levels and our trained catechists love the material they use in the classroom. Later this fall we'll receive the 2018 endowment update and how anyone can contribute to this worthwhile program.

The cemetery was founded a few years ago. The committee spent much time and consideration as to the layout, structure, and rules for such a space. The current funding level for the cemetery is in great shape. Even without further expansion of existing property, we see space available for some time to come. The cemetery is cared for by many volunteers who work tirelessly year-round. We reverently honor those who have died by keeping well-kept cemetery grounds. If you see someone working there, take a moment to thank them for their efforts.

These are just two of our great projects to benefit Blessed Trinity Catholic Church and the Frankenmuth community. We are a blessed people!

Deacon Larry Deford

Race You to the Bottom!

We're bred for competition. In the ongoing contest for limited resources, we don't want to be without a chair when the music stops. Pitted against siblings for the finite attention of parents, the competition grows larger as we do. Schools have us compete for grades and rank. Sports, video games, the car we drive, the job we get, the promotion we achieve, and the money in the bank are contests won or lost on the ladder toward greatness.

Jesus says don't compete; serve. True greatness is a race to the bottom. Count the ways you're winning.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ September 16-22, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$3,920.00
Parish Debt Retirement	70.00
Total	\$3,990.00

Weekend ~ September 22 & 23, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (159 envelopes)	\$6,730.00
Children's Contributions (4 envelopes)	5.89
Weekend Loose	788.00
Debt Retirement Contributions (2 envelopes)	150.00
Weekend Total	\$7,673.89

Children's Stewardship Messages: Emma's time ~ made a birthday cake; Reegan's talent ~ gymnastics; Mya's time ~ babysitting.



Altar Server Training

A training for new altar servers from 4th to 6th grade will take place on Tuesday, October 2, at 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in church. Pastoral Minister Karen Smith will be our trainer. Please call the parish if you have questions.

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.

Flu Shot Clinic at BT

All are welcome to stop in to get a flu shot on Sunday, October 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the parish classroom wing. We thank Wellspring Lutheran Services for providing this service.

Payment and insurance information will be available that day.

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!



Mass Recordings

We can record the entire Mass and transfer it to an audio CD that can be listened on any CD player. This is a good way for us to celebrate with those who are homebound, or perhaps you would like a copy of a specific homily.

Please contact the parish office or email Karen Smith at: ksmith@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org with the date of the Mass you would like. Your CD will be copied and ready for you the following weekend or another time that is convenient for you.

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.

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).

Habitat for Humanity News



We are looking for volunteers who can spend a half-day or full day doing pre-paint work at several houses in

the Saginaw area on Thursday, October 4 and Saturday, October 6.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please call Paul Wojno at 989-751-2009 or the parish office.



Our sponsor of the week is:

Mike Young Buick GMC

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

Youth Ministry News

What a great evening we had last Sunday for our grades 7 & 8 youth! Gary & Corrine Wellman joined with the group and showed them how to make apple cider. They picked apples from the tree on parish property, and the Wellman's showed them the cider-making process. What delicious fun it was! Thanks, Gary & Corrine! Thanks also to Becky Pierce for providing apples from her trees.

Thanks to our high school leaders - Riley Gall, Zeb Lupcke, Seth Malmo, and Katy Schuler - who are awesome role models. They led last Sunday's evening discussion on, "Why don't WE take the lead?" Thanks to all the parents who support these important gatherings. We're all busy, but we are building a faith community and its awesome that your kids are here!

"How do WE answer the call to serve?" Tonight is your night, grades 9-12 youth and friends! We'll meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Come after work or practice. Bring your homework.

Addresses are needed for our college-age youth. Mom & dad - please call or email the parish office and share your young adult's current address. We want to stay in touch!

Plans are being made for events in October for our Young Adult Group. If you want to be part of the planning team, please email me!

*We are BT! We make it what it is!
Let's make it the best it can be!*

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



Making apple cider is fun!

Faith Formation News

Last Tuesday, we welcomed the 3rd & 4th graders to Faith Formation with a short session in the day chapel. The children introduced themselves to Karen Smith, and she in turn offered them a beginning-of-the-year blessing. We repeated this activity on Thursday with the 1st & 2nd graders.

Last Wednesday, Amy Smock and Kathy Cramer welcomed the 5th & 6th graders with an activity designed for older children. All the catechists have been busy organizing their rooms, creating bulletin boards, and getting ready to introduce the children to our new program.

We extend a warm welcome to Carol Fox, who is teaching 4th grade this year. I'm confident that the children will benefit from her energy and experience! Our catechists are so generous with their time and talent!

Next Tuesday, October 2, Karen Smith will offer Altar Server Training from 4:00 until 4:30 p.m. This opportunity is open to youth in grades 4, 5, and 6. Parents need to sign a permission slip and indicate which Mass is preferred.

Special thanks to Gary and Corinne Wellman and Kathie Mates who have helped with several building projects in the Atrium. They recently created three dioramas that we use to tell Jesus' stories of the Kingdom of God. Kathie is painting the human figures that go with the dioramas. We are so grateful for their time and talent!

Pamela Daily ~ Coordinator of Faith Formation
pdaily@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org



Mrs. Cramer and Mrs. Smock serve snacks to our 5th and 6th grade youth at last Wednesday's class.

Join the Hospitality Ministry

All parishioners from 9th grade to adults are invited to serve as Hospitality Ministers at Blessed Trinity - it's a great way to get involved!

We provide welcoming greetings to parishioners and guests. We assist with seating, offertory collection, presenting the gifts at Mass, and direction of communion flow. We distribute the weekly bulletins and offer farewell greetings. We also provide security in the church during week-end Masses and other events.

Your time commitment would be minimal as you would be scheduled to serve at approximately one Mass per month (your preference). Men, women, young adults, and families are welcome to assist in this ministry. For more info, please contact me!

Jim Williams ~ Hospitality Minister Coordinator
Jim.williams@avispl.com or 652-6345

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.

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.



Put on Your Kingdom Glasses

It's hard to see past appearances. Some creatures are just better looking, whether it's a specimen of tree or flower, fish or bird, or human being. And the lovelier the view, the more it attracts us.

The trouble with such distinctions is not in the eye of the beholder, of course, but rather in the heart. Do we value children according to a scale of cuteness or cleverness? Do we choose friends based on zip codes or celebrity? Do we give our attention to the person wearing trendier labels? Put on your kingdom glasses and reverse your instinctive attraction today.

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.

Being humble means recognizing that we are not on earth to see how important we can become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others.



24th Annual FISH FRIES



FRANKENMUTH/BIRCH RUN
Knights of Columbus
(1mile North of Birch Run Road)

Shrimp Dinners
All-you-Can-Eat Cod Dinners

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

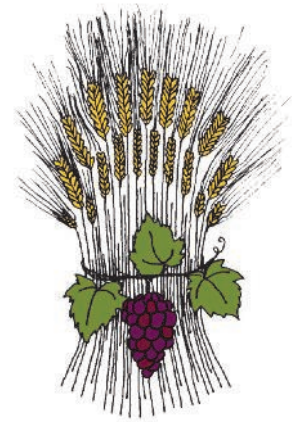
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| • October 5, 2018
Blood Drive
12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Free Dinner to Donors | • January 4, 2019
Blood Drive
12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Free Dinner to Donors | • March 15, 2019
Blood Drive
12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Free Dinner to Donors | • April 5, 2019 |
| • November 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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Marriage Encounter

“Fall” in love all over again! Apply today to experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter enrichment weekend. Fall weekends are being held at the Augustine Center near Petoskey on October 5-7 and at the Saginaw Center for Ministry on November 2-4. Apply online at www.wwme.org or call 734-531-9191 for info.



The most important decision we all make is to be in a good mood.