



Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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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.



This Week in Our Parish

Monday, September 9

Memorial of St. Peter Claver

Tuesday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Christian Service Commission Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Rosary
11:00 a.m. Adult Study

Thursday, September 12

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

8:30 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass at Medilodge

Friday, September 13

Memorial of St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Irene Wanke
4:00 p.m. Individual Confessions until 4:30 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Mass with Catechist Commissioning
12:00 noon Faith Formation Open House
6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Scavenger Hunt Event



Scripture Readings for September 14 & 15, 2019

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-32

What Does it Mean to Say "Amen?"

It is not just a word to end our prayers. Amen means "it is true; so be it." It is a word of commitment to what has been spoken. Saying Amen allows us to confirm that the words the priest just prayed are indeed our prayers as well. Think about how you say Amen. Is there something you would like to change?

May we all say "Amen" with the confidence we profess through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEVER FORGET AS A PARENT YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST TEACHER.



May the school year be filled with a love for learning packed with creativity, growth and friendships

KIM VEE @THE EDUCATORS' SPIN ON IT

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.
- ◆ 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.



To all who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ~ please be sure to stop in the sacristy after Mass to help cleanse the vessels (part of the EMHC ministry). Many times, only one or two ministers are left to take care of things. This will only takes a few extra minutes of your time. Thank you!

Notes from our Pastor ~ Fr. Patrick Jankowiak
 pjankowiak@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

Detour Signs....are now out by the roads at intersections to guide visitors to the parish. We're hoping that the road repair on Tuscola St. continues to proceed smoothly, but for the time being, all traffic to Blessed Trinity needs to go around, using Block Rd., and approach the parish from the other direction. It's not a long detour, but it can be confusing if you're new to Frankenmuth. We've got the map of the detour up on our parish website as well. Weather permitting, the road project should be completed before the end of the month.



Priests Assembly 2019: every other year, the priests of the Diocese of Saginaw spend time away from the Diocese with the Bishop at an assembly. The assemblies are normally scheduled for late September. Our last assembly was two years ago, so this month we'll be gathering with Bishop Gruss up at Boyne Mountain from the evening of September 22 to around noon on September 25.

We always bring in a speaker to help us examine part of priestly ministry, and there's always free time allotted as well. This year, of course, we'll be spending time simply getting to know our new bishop. So, I will be away from the parish starting mid-afternoon on September 22 until the evening of September 25. Some of our retired priests will be staying behind to cover parishes in case of funerals, but keep us in your prayers. The number of priests in the diocese is getting smaller, and illness and age are also taking their toll. After the assembly is over, I'll write a summary in the bulletin about how things went and include some of what we discussed.



Daily Mass Next Week....will be offered only on Tuesday, September 17 (I'll be on Mackinac Island on September 18 & 19).

~ Fr. Patrick ~

VIRTUS Training Sessions

The Diocese of Saginaw is requiring a mandatory VIRTUS re-training for any person working or volunteering in the diocese that received initial training three or more years ago. This includes parish staff members and all volunteers who have regular contact with children.

Re-training must take place by December 31, 2020 with many parishes throughout the diocese holding VIRTUS training sessions. A list of dates and locations is posted on our gathering area bulletin board. Please contact Karen Smith if you have questions. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the safety of our youth.

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.

Don't worry. God is always on time.

Help Needed

A volunteer is needed to serve as a Mass Assistant at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses, to begin in September. Duties include: setting up before Mass (wine, bread, plates, communion cups, etc.); make sure that scheduled lector and altar servers are present; and, inform presiding priest if any of these ministers are absent. You would serve for one month at a time, 3-4 times per year and need to be in church 15-20 minutes before Mass.

Training will be provided by Karen Smith. Please call her at the parish for more info.

Leave Your Light On for Christ

A Catholic church is never completely dark - as long as the Blessed Sacrament is present. You'll always see at least a small red flicker before the tabernacle, while it contains the Eucharist, the Body of Christ. The tradition goes back to the Book of Exodus, when God told Moses to perpetually burn a lamp filled with pure oil in the Tabernacle.

Thousands of years later, Christ is always there, burning with a light and love that never goes out. Likewise keep the flame for him in your soul steadfast and bright.



Fr. Patrick greets new parishioner, Michelle Walther and her children, Dominic, Christopher, Eliana, and Joseph.

Habitat for Humanity Needs YOU



Volunteers are needed who can spend a day or half-day to help repair and paint a home in the Bridgeport area on September 20-24. A sign up sheet and more information will be in the gathering area on the next two weekends, or you can call Gary Sparschu at 652-2852.

Clothesline Ministry News

Clothesline Store volunteers are asked to check the sign up book on the gathering area shelves and volunteer for the coming months. The success of our store is because of your dedicated help! Thank you!



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Merry Widow's Luncheon

The Blessed Trinity Merry Widows will gather for lunch on Thursday, September 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Poblano's Restaurant in Frankenmuth. Mark your calendars, ladies!

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.

Faith Formation News

Last week, Kathy Cramer and I attended the kick-off for Faith Formation leaders at the Center for Ministry. I was inspired to share this message from Fr. Bill Rutkowski with our catechists at our parish orientation session this week. And, it bears repeating here:

"The Church exists to evangelize....this is our deepest identity." (Pope Paul VI)

"The catechetical mission is primary, necessary, and urgent! Everything we do as a church flows from it, including service to the poor." (Fr. Bill Rutkowski)

We have a wonderful group of volunteer catechists who are preparing to start another year. They work alongside parents to evangelize the children of our parish. They will be commissioned, along with catechists who serve our parish in other ways, next Sunday, September 15 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.

~ Children's Liturgy of the Word ~

Estella Grablick, Amy DuRussel,
Amy McAvoy, and Darcy Berry.

~ Faith for 3's & 4's ~

Jennifer Harris

~ Kindergarten ~

Amy Collings and Tammy Wendling

~ Grade 1 ~

Rachel McNamara

~ Grade 2 ~

Sandi Doherty

~ Grade 3 ~

Karen Nephew

~ Grade 4 ~

Carol Fox

~ Grade 5 ~

Dr. Nancy Wade

~ Grade 6 ~

Kathy Cramer

~ Substitute Catechists ~

Jackie Gere, Pam Loiacano,
Beth Nellenback, and Kathy Toth

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



Youth Ministry News

And just like that, another school year has begun! Our youth are always busy, but this time of year brings the busyness to another level.

A schedule of events is in the Fall Newsletter (mailed last week to all parish homes). The schedule is also posted in the youth room.

Our first "official" event will be Catechetical Sunday on September 15 where all youth in grades 1-6 can check out their classrooms and visit with their catechists; 6th graders will meet this year in the youth room.

All are invited to the youth room during the open house for pizza and a backpack blessing from Fr. Patrick. Our grades 7-12 youth will be on hand to help attach a BT blessing on all youth backpacks - don't forget yours!

Grades 7-12 youth will take part in a Scavenger Hunt in downtown Muth tonight/Sunday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The hunt is based on Psalm 24:1-2. We'll meet at the Harvest Coffee Shop and begin our event from there. We'll also discuss coming fall activities. Friends are always welcome.

Grades 7 & 8 youth who are interested in the mini-NCYC event should return all paperwork to me by September 14.

All NCYC participants should have received necessary paperwork for the event - contact me if you didn't since it needs to be turned into the diocese by September 17. There are still a few openings if you're interested - contact me if you want to go!

Living and loving your Catholic faith....what makes us special is what WE believe. Our traditions and our sacraments make US special. Are we embracing all that is awesome about our faith? Let's do it together! We are BT!!

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



Keep current on youth events and other information at Blessed Trinity! Be sure to "like" our Facebook page at: BTC-Youth!

Thank You, Blessed Trinity

Thank you for six straight years of sharing your blessings for the Mother's Milk Program and the Love for Lukulu Mission Team. Please accept this hand-made stole from Lusaka, Zambia (see picture).

Tom Slivinski
2019 Mission Team



Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.



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 are interested in making 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.

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.

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with occasional weeding in the parish cemetery. You can work when you want for as long as you want (mowing, trimming, and weeding). Please call Fred Fitch at the parish if you can help.

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ August 25 - 31, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,110.00
Parish Debt Retirement	5.00
Total	\$1,115.00

Weekend ~ August 31 & September 1, 2019

Parish Adult Contributions	\$5,640.00
Youth Contributions (2 envelopes)	2.76
Debt Retirement Fund.....	165.00
Weekend Loose	738.00
Weekend Total	\$6,545.76

Children's stewardship notes: Caroline's time ~ exploring nature; Jack's talent ~ kicking.

Sponsor of the Week

Lawn Doctor

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League of Catholic Women Gather

All ladies are welcome to attend the League of Catholic Women Luncheon on Tuesday, September 17 at St. Agnes Church in Freeland. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow (catered by Sullivan's Black Forest). Speaker will be Courtney Robishaw from Saginaw's Hospital Hospitality House.

Mail your \$11.00 check to LCW, PO Box 6932, Saginaw, MI 48608 by September 9. Call 752-5053 with questions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Did you know that 98% of couples who attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend stay together? Refresh your faith and invest in your marriage by attending a weekend on September 27-29 in Detroit, or November 15-17 in Adrian. Check out www.wwme.org or call 269-953-8287 for info.

Have Clothing to Donate?

The Clothesline Store is grateful for your donations. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact the parish office at 652-3259.

Pastoral Team

Pastor ~ Rev. Patrick Jankowiak

Pastoral Associate ~ Karen Smith

Coordinator of Faith Formation ~ Pam Daily

Director of Youth Ministry ~ Kathy Cramer

Director of Music ~ Alissa Hetzner

Music Assistant ~ Steve Holovach

Parish Secretary ~ Lori Snyder

Bookkeeper ~ Carol Maurer

Director of Maintenance ~ Fred Fitch

Maintenance Assistant ~ Phil Schmelzer

~ Commissioned Lay Ministers ~

Mike Snyder, Veronica Horn, Ginny Little, Kathy Haney, Joe Ricard, Pam Daily, and Jackie Gere