

### Wednesday Lenten Schedule

- ◆ **February 14** ~ Ash Wednesday ~ Mass with distribution of ashes at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **February 21** ~ Light meal at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity
- ◆ **February 28** ~ Light meal at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church
- ◆ **March 7** ~ Light meal at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity
- ◆ **March 14** ~ Light meal at 6:00 p.m.; Lenten Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. at Frankenmuth United Methodist Church
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### The Sacrament of Penance During Lent 2018

One of the powerful sources of God's mercy in our lives is in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Catholics have traditionally celebrated this sacrament of mercy during the season of Lent each year and parishes have scheduled additional times during Lent for these celebrations.

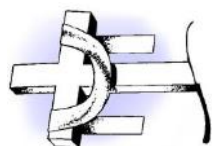
Special opportunities for Blessed Trinity parishioners to celebrate this sacrament of healing and mercy include:

- ◆ **Sunday, March 18** ~ Communal Penance Service with Individual Confession at Ss. Charles and Helena Parish in Clio at 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 22** ~ Individual Penance at Blessed Trinity from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Saturday, March 24** ~ Individual Penance at Blessed Trinity from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 27** ~ Individual Penance at Blessed Trinity from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 28** ~ Individual Penance at Blessed Trinity from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

# Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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## Parish Press Lent & Easter, 2018

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule

- ◆ **March 24 & 25** ~ Palm Sunday Masses at 5:00 p.m., 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **March 27** ~ Diocesan Chrism Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Saginaw
- ◆ **March 29** ~ Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **March 29** ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass with Closing Prayer Service at 9:30 p.m.
- ◆ **March 30** ~ Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ **March 31** ~ Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at 12:00 noon
- ◆ **March 31** ~ Easter Vigil at 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **April 1** ~ Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

## Notes From Our Pastor

The word on our wristbands for Lent this year is "Strength." For many of us, this word probably calls up images of people who "pump iron" and build up powerful bodies. But the word on our wristbands is not intended to be a reminder about going to the gym more often during Lent!



Much more important than physical strength is spiritual strength. This is the strength we need to follow Christ on the journey of life. It is strength to always "do the right thing." It is strength to face the challenges in our lives every day and to respond with Christian faith, hope, and love.

I want to be spiritually stronger – and you probably feel the same way. We all have moments of weakness in our lives, times when our courage fails us and we give up or give in to temptations and fear. It is like facing a bully on the street and shamefully letting him control us because we are weak.

The model of strength for us is Jesus. The gospel readings during Lent, especially the accounts of the Passion of Christ in St. Mark and St. John, show us someone who remains strong in the face of threats and intimidation and violence. His sufferings and even his death are not signs of weakness but of the greatest spiritual strength, the strength that conquers sin and death, even death on a cross.

How can I have that kind of strength in my life? Building up spiritual strength requires hard work on our part and the help of the Holy Spirit. The kind of work we need to do involves prayer, acts of self-sacrifice, works of charity for others, study of the word of God. This is exactly the kind of work that we have traditionally been called to do during the season of Lent. It is all part of a "workout" for the soul.

We also need the help of the Holy Spirit and it is through the sacraments, especially the Mass and the Sacrament of Penance, that we have a rich source of the grace of the Spirit. Lent is a good time to do some "grace-loading" for the challenges ahead.

Lord Jesus, be our strength for the journey.

*Fr. Bob Byrne*

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to come to our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on all Tuesdays during Lent from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the day chapel. No matter how much or how little time you have, parishioners and guests are welcome to stop in for reflective prayer and adoration.



## Hospitality Minister News

*Jim Williams*

Those who serve as Hospitality Ministers are asked to sign up to serve on Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Services.

A new ministry schedule will be mailed to all active ushers by the end of February - please let me know if you are unavailable during the coming months by calling: 652-6345 or email: [jim.williams@avispl.com](mailto:jim.williams@avispl.com).

## Music Ministry News

*Alissa Hetzner*



Are you interested in singing with the Music Ministry? We rehearse on Sunday evenings at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish chapel. The more the merrier - we need women and men of all ages!

Any youth or adults who are interested in participating in the Passion Play for Palm Sunday this year are welcome. Our first meeting/rehearsal will be on Sunday, February 18 at 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Rehearsals will take place on each Sunday of Lent at 12:00 noon until the final rehearsal of Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

## Annulments

Do you have questions about an annulment? Would you like to begin the process? Please contact Karen Smith at the parish at 652-3259 to schedule a confidential meeting to discuss your questions and concerns or to initiate the process.

## Youth Ministry News

Kathy Cramer

"I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me." (Philippians 4:13)

Our parish theme for this Lent is STRENGTH. Our youth find strength in our faith community gatherings. We will continue to gather during Lent and into Spring with some great events planned.

I hope everyone who participated in the February 11 Lenten Event (sponsored by Youth Ministry and Faith Formation Commission) had a faith-filled experience. Look for more events like this!

Coming events for junior high and high school youth:

- **February 14** ~ meet at BT for Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- **February 18** ~ Pretzel Rolling Event at 6:30 p.m.
- **March 4** ~ Courtney Aldrich and Anthony Harris lead a discussion on Mass; study night at 6:30 p.m.
- **March 11** ~ "Guys Night In" led by college student Josh Treib at 6:30 p.m.
- **March 23 - April 2** ~ Spring Break (enjoy!)
- **April 8** ~ visit to Bavarian Comfort Care
- **April 22** ~ Prayer Night for grades 6-8 youth (with high school leaders) at 6:30 p.m.
- **April 27 & 28** ~ Cardboard City Event at 6:00 p.m. Friday to 10:00 a.m. Saturday
- **May 6** ~ Dinner Event to honor our 2018 grads; all grades 6-11 youth invited
- **May 20** ~ Parish Baccalaureate Mass at 9:00 a.m. with social and senior video to follow

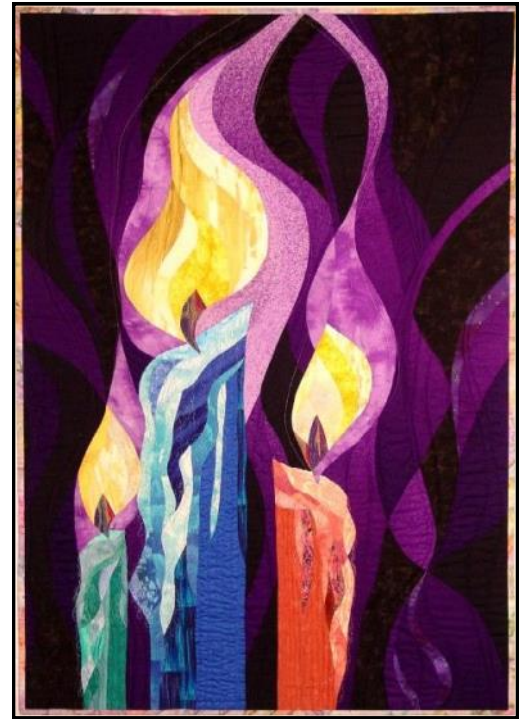
*Will you find the STRENGTH to get involved?*

Always read the bulletin, check out the youth board, and see our BTC-Youth page on Facebook for updates or changes to our scheduled events. There are many things our youth can be involved with.

## Bishop's BIG Raffle

Blessed Trinity's Men's Club will be selling tickets for the Bishop's BIG Raffle before and after Masses on the coming weekends. Tickets are \$5.00 each with sales benefitting the Men's Club Scholarship Fund and other projects.

The raffle drawing will be held on March 15. See the poster display in the gathering area for prize information. If you would like to sell tickets, please check with a club member after Mass or call the parish office for info.



## Parish Lenten Service Project

Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Monies saved from fasting from a favorite food or drink can be used to help others. As you purchase the items needed below, pray for those who will receive them.

⇒ **Hope Totes** ~ pick up a purple shopping bag in the gathering area and fill it with the needed items. Return the bag to the parish where it will be donated to the Rescue Mission of Saginaw.

⇒ **Migrant Worker Collection** ~ we will focus on a few specific items that are most needed for the workers, including: white flour, shortening (not cooking oil), baking powder, diapers, cereal for children and adults, and dish soap.

⇒ **Personal Items for Food Pantries** ~ local food pantries often do not get donations of baby food (a much needed item) or toilet paper, tissue, feminine hygiene products or diapers.



We tend to take these items for granted, but the cost of such items can be overwhelming by those in need. We will collect these items to assist local pantries: baby food (from beginner foods to stage 3 - no cereal needed), 4-roll packages of toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, feminine hygiene products, diapers of all sizes, and laundry soap.

**Your family is the best team you could ever have.**

## Faith Formation News

Carol Fox

During the weeks leading to His death and resurrection, Jesus strengthened His body, mind, and spirit for what was to come. Using Jesus as our model, we spend six weeks each year preparing ourselves so that, on Easter Sunday, we may celebrate His victory over sin and death.

Our parish theme this year is STRENGTH. Isaiah 40:31 highlights this theme:

**They that hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength,  
they will soar on eagles' wings;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
walk and not grow faint.**



This Lenten and Easter season, our students will bring home materials that support individual and family-oriented activities. Please choose some of these activities to do as a family.

Our grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 students will travel to Medilodge, Saginaw Rescue Mission, and the East Side Soup Kitchen to share in charitable works. All students will receive a Lenten calendar to record their good works each day of Lent and grades 1-6 will receive the Children's Little Purple Book to pray with.

Mark your calendar for coming events:

- ◆ February 13 ~ grade 3 visits Medilodge, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ March 7 ~ grade 5 visits Saginaw Rescue Mission, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (note return time)
- ◆ March 13 ~ grade 4 visits Medilodge, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ March 18 ~ First Eucharist Parent/Child Session, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. (childcare provided)
- ◆ March 21 ~ grade 6 visits East Side Soup Kitchen, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. (note return time)
- ◆ April 8 ~ Confirmation Rehearsal for child, sponsor & parents in church, 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ April 10 ~ Confirmation at Blessed Trinity, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ April 24 ~ grades 3 & 4 final class, prayer service, ice cream social
- ◆ April 25 ~ grade 5 & 6 final class, prayer service, ice cream social
- ◆ April 26 ~ grades 1 & 2 final class, prayer service, ice cream social
- ◆ April 29 ~ Children's Word and FF3, FF4, and Kindergarten final class
- ◆ May 5 ~ First Eucharist Rehearsal in church for all students & parents, 10:00 a.m.; First Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. Mass
- ◆ May 6 ~ First Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. Mass followed by group pictures and social
- ◆ July 23 - 26 ~ Vacation Bible School at Blessed Trinity

## Lenten Prayer

As we resolve to pray more during the Season of Lent, it is a good time to pray for smooth transitions. Please keep Fr. Bob Byrne and Carol Fox in your prayers as they each begin the transition into retirement. Please also pray for our new pastor as he transitions from his previous parish to Blessed Trinity. Pray also that Blessed Trinity parishioners will be open to the Holy Spirit at work in our hearts and in our parish.

*Loving God, we ask you to guide us  
in our time of transition.*

*We need your wisdom, that we might be receptive  
to change, conversion and growth.*

*We need your grace to redirect our hearts so that  
we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.*

*Do not allow resistance, ignorance or pride  
limit the work of your Spirit.*

*We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Be strength for the journey.**

### Growing in Faith

Mary Jo Krick

The Blessed Trinity Endowment Fund is an effective way for all of us to support - for many generations to come - the ministries of our parish that are so important for planting and nourishing the seeds of faith.

The Endowment Fund was established in 2013 and has a balance of over \$168,000 as of 12/31/2017. Donations can be made to the Endowment Fund in a variety of ways including cash or assets such as stocks and bonds, bequests from a will or trust, retirement plan gifts, qualified charitable distributions from IRA's (must be age 70 ½) or life insurance gifts.

More information is available by calling the parish office at 652-3259.

*Our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others. Rice Bowls are available in the gathering area - be sure to take one home and use to deepen your family's Lenten experience.*



### *Clothesline Store News*

We thank our volunteers for making 2017 a great year for the Clothesline Store. We're looking forward to a wonderful 2018!

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Clothesline Store is welcome to contact Mary Kalkman at 652-6749 or Connie Kaufmann at 652-3521. Come in and give us a try!

- ◆ The store will be closed for the Easter holiday from Friday, March 30 through Sunday, April 1.
- ◆ The store will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday from Saturday, May 26 through Tuesday, May 29.
- ◆ Save the date of Monday, June 4 for our annual Volunteer Luncheon.

God bless our many volunteers and all who shop and support the Clothesline Store!

### *Thank You From the Horn Family*

Thank you to all who generously sent donations to Blessed Trinity in Zelda Horn's name. The memorials were sent to the parish where Ruth attended school and where Kevin and Ruth were married and Liam was Baptized.

*Ken & Veronica Horn and family*

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The following letter is from Fr. Juan Miasanche, Pastor at Sacred Heart Church (Sagrado Corazon) in Archidona, Ecuador:

*This morning I checked my mail and I have seen that the transfer has been completed. I have received from you the amount of \$2,000.00 American pains.*

*I also let you know that on Friday, January 5, 2018 I will have a meeting with Glida Grefa, family member of Ruth, to let her know that we have already received the donation from you.*

*In the coming weeks we will let you know what the donation will be spent on. I am grateful to you, the family, and the people who made this donation possible.*

*On behalf on the Ecclesiastical Community of the parish of Archidona we hope you will come to visit. May God and the Virgin Mary fill you with their blessings.*

### *Questions About the Catholic Faith?*

Are you or someone you know thinking about joining the Catholic Church? 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 the 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.

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 call Karen Smith at the parish at 652-3259.

**God bless our family and all its members and friends;  
bind us together by your love.**

**Give us kindness and patience to support each other  
and wisdom in all we do.**

**Let the gift of your peace come into our hearts  
and remain with us.**

**May we rejoice in your blessings for all our days.**

**Amen.**

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**Shrimp Dinners**

**All-you-Can-Eat Cod Dinners**

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

- October 6, 2017 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors	- January 5, 2018 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors
- February 23, 2018 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors	- March 16, 2018 Blood Drive 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Free Dinner to Donors
- November 3, 2017 In Honor of Veterans Day Active Military & Veterans Eat Free	- February 2, 2018 - March 2, 2018 - March 23, 2018
- December 1, 2017 SANTA VISITS 4:00-7:00	- February 16, 2018 - March 9, 2018 - March 30, 2018

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*K of C Casino Trip Fundraiser*

The Birch Run/Frankenmuth Knights of Columbus group is planning a Casino Trip Fundraiser on Monday, March 12. The bus leaves the K of C Hall on Dixie Hwy in Birch Run at 8:30 a.m. and will return approximately 8:00 p.m.

The day will include stops at Sagaming Eagles Casino in Standish and Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant. Cost is \$50.00 per person. For more info, see the flyer on the gathering area bulletin board.