

Parish Press - Fall 2018

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church

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Blessing of Pets & Animals

On Saturday, September 29, Deacon Larry will offer a special blessing for pets and animals. You are invited to bring your special creatures to the church parking lot at any time between 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon to receive the blessing.

The practice of blessing our "furred, feathered and finned" friends was developed in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all of God's creatures. This blessing is usually given on or near the feast day of St. Francis, which is October 4.

Book Sharing Group

The next selection for the Morning Book Sharing Group is the #1 New York Times best-seller titled, "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance. It is a memoir about the Appalachian values of a Kentucky family and their relation to the social problems of their hometown of Middletown, Ohio.

We have heard many good things about this book and look forward to our discussion in October. Please pick up your own copy of the book and join us on Tuesday, October 9 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Flu Shot Clinic ~ Save the Date!

The Parish Health Ministry will host a Flu Shot Clinic on Sunday, October 7 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in room #8 in the classroom wing. Thank you to Wellspring Lutheran Services for providing this service. All are welcome!

Ritual of Remembrance

We will have the annual Ritual of Remembrance at weekend Masses on November 3 & 4 in memory of all parishioners who have passed away in the last year.

Thanksgiving Mass

Mark your calendars and plan to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

Annulments

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



There are two times of the year.
Autumn. And waiting for Autumn.

Fall Bucket List ~ bake a pie, have a s'more campfire, visit a pumpkin patch, pick apples, go trick-or-treating, drink apple cider or hot cocoa, wear your favorite sweatshirt, navigate a corn maze, eat caramel apples, bake chocolate chip cookies, rake leaves, attend a football game, carve a pumpkin, take a color tour drive, wrap up in a soft blanket, cook a big pot of soup, love your life!



From Our Pastoral Administrator ~

Summer vacations are winding down, children are going back to school, young adults are off to college, and it's the beginning of the Fall sports season.....the days are getting shorter by the minute and the weather may finally start to cool off!

Thank you to all for the warm welcome we received here at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church! Connie and I are blessed to be part of such a vibrant, active, generous, supportive, and caring community. Even before my assignment by Bishop Cistone started, I was warmly welcomed by staff here and received several emails and text messages from friends I had made while working at Frankenmuth Insurance. We understand why Blessed Trinity is considered a jewel in the Diocese of Saginaw.

Blessed Trinity is in a very unique situation at this time. My role as the Parish Administrator is to manage the business aspects of the parish: maintain the property integrity, finances, manage the needed committees and counsels, youth and adult formation opportunities, evangelization, pastoral needs of the youth programs/parish, maintain excellence in liturgy planning and execution with our tremendous staff and volunteers.

You may notice some minor changes in the weekend liturgies, most of which are meant to continue our compliance within the Universal Church and GIRM (General Instructions of the Roman Missal). The uniqueness for the parish also is having an ordained permanent Deacon.

Many may have observed that I have several roles to fulfill during liturgies. Some of this may be new to you, since this parish didn't previously have a full-time, permanent Deacon. Besides my involvement with liturgies, my faculties include the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of Marriage and Church, and Funeral Sacramentals. My other responsibilities include: services for those living in our area care facilities, hospital visits for the sick, and being present to those in need.

It will take getting used to for those assisting in the liturgies, as well as those worshipping. To help us understand the liturgy nuances and role of the Deacon at liturgies, Fr. Jim Bessert will be doing 'teaching Masses' the weekend of September 15 & 16. I think this may help clear up some questions people may have on why we are doing things slightly differently and what it means to each of you.

Throughout the year we will introduce prayer cards in the pews. These cards are inspirational, thought-provoking, and meant to move you in your spiritual life. Feel free to take them home or give to your family or friends. We have several other social event ideas throughout the year to foster God's love and support for one another. As we develop these events more in substance, we'll pass the information to you.

As a team-building event recently, the staff spent the day at Cross in the Woods, Indian River, MI (next to Burt Lake State Park). If you haven't been there or it's been awhile, consider a visit. For me, it's always been a prayer sanctuary. I was always told to steer the boat back to the cross and it would take us home. Our lives have always been directed towards the cross and it should always be our way of life.



As I was reviewing Blessed Trinity's financial statements for 2017-2018, a few items stood out:

- ⇒ Sunday collection was approximately \$65,000 more than the previous year.
- ⇒ 2016-2017 donations and bequests included \$486,000 in capital campaign pledges and a generous \$120,000 bequest from Mr. George Yambrick, Jr.
- ⇒ Donations and assistance is 10% of the Sunday collection.
- ⇒ Catholic School assistance is 2% of the Sunday collection.

- ⇒ Kitchen/Social Hall/Religious Education Wing Project Recap includes:

⇒ Project Budget:	\$999,041
⇒ Project Bids:	\$997,081
⇒ Actual Cost:	\$951,594
⇒ Capital Campaign Pledges:	\$486,430
⇒ Pledges Receivable:	\$ 19,226

It is obvious to me that Blessed Trinity parishioners are very generous with their time, talent and treasures. As a parish, you are eager to evangelize by welcoming all our visitors to Frankenmuth and by supporting outreach organizations. As a parish, we are very blessed by our members and this community!

As I stated earlier, please feel free to stop by or set up a time to ask questions, talk Michigan football or anything else on your mind. I'm here with you as we continue to make Blessed Trinity Parish a wonderful place to worship for all. May God bless you each day and always!

Deacon Larry Deford

New Coordinator of Religious Education

We welcome Pamela Daily to our Blessed Trinity staff! Pam is a faith-filled parishioner who has been ministering as a volunteer catechist. She will work with Karen Smith to coordinate our pre-school through grade 6 Faith Formation programs.

Pam has been trained in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and was recently commissioned as a Lay Minister for the Diocese of Saginaw. We are very excited to have her join our team and look forward to a great Faith Formation year!



Faith Formation Sessions Begin Soon

We are now registering for the 2018/2019 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Year. Classes will begin the week of September 23. If you have not received registration information in the mail, please call the parish office and we will send it to you. Please have all registrations turned in by September 15 so that we can take the bus release info to the schools.

Altar Servers Needed

Pastoral Minister, Karen Smith, will host an Altar Server Training & Refresher on Tuesday, October 2 from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. in church.

This training is for youth who are in grades 4, 5 and 6 who would like to become an altar server, or for those who are already serving. There have been some slight adaptations and we want everyone to feel confident in their ministry.

We'll walk through the Mass together so that everyone gets an opportunity to practice. For more info, please call the parish office.

Catechetical Sunday and Faith Formation Open House

We will have a special blessing of catechists on Sunday, September 16 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, an open house will be held in the Faith Formation classroom wing. Families will have an opportunity to meet catechists and coordinators, look at what is new for the coming year, and enjoy a light pizza lunch. All are welcome!

Youth Ministry News

Kathy Cramer ~ kcramer@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

Another school year begins! A new adventure also begins with our recently graduated high school seniors - some will head off for college and some will stay close to home. All of you are part of our family! Some will lead our younger members and some will meet as young adults to help us lead our church, offer events and social gatherings, and start a Book Club.

We need our youth and young adult leaders now more than ever. We are strongest when we share our faith together. Our faith is OUR faith and no one can change that! We are Christ's Church. People first!

We have an awesome group of youth leaders that have helped plan a fall season of gatherings. We'll kick off our season with a Tailgate Event on Sunday, September 16. This will be a social event for our youth to gather and discuss what they look forward to.



If you haven't received a letter with all of our scheduled youth events, please contact me by email or text and I'll forward one to you.

Below is a list of all September - November youth events. Please know that there may be changes to the schedule. If you want to stay up-to-date and get immediate info, please join our BTC-Youth Facebook page. You can always text me for info at 9892745662.

- ⇒ Catechetical Sunday @ 11:00 a.m. Mass ~ September 16
- ⇒ Faith Formation Open House @ 12:00 noon ~ September 16
- ⇒ Youth Fall Kick-off Gathering @ 7:00 p.m. ~ September 16
- ⇒ JH Youth Meet @ 6:30 p.m. ~ September 23
- ⇒ HS Youth Meet @ 6:30 p.m. ~ September 23
- ⇒ JH Youth Meet @ 6:30 p.m. ~ October 7
- ⇒ HS Youth Meet @ 6:30 p.m. ~ October 14
- ⇒ HS Youth In-service @ 6:30 p.m. ~ October 21
- ⇒ Harvest Dance Set-up @ 7:00 p.m. ~ October 24
- ⇒ JH Harvest Dance Event @ 7:00 p.m. ~ October 25
- ⇒ Grades 6-12 Corn Maze Event @ 6:30 p.m. ~ October 28
- ⇒ Rake 'n Run Service Event @ 1:00 p.m. ~ November 4
- ⇒ HS Youth Meet @ 6:30 p.m. ~ November 11
- ⇒ Youth Group Food Collection for Needy ~ November 17 & 18 after all Masses

I look forward to another year of service as we build our faith community. Together, WE make our church the best it can be!

Do you like to sing? We'd love to have you join the Parish Choir! **Are you intrigued with the handbells?** We'd love to have you join the Handbell Choir! For more information on both of these ministries, please email Alissa Hetzner at: ahetzne74@gmail.com.

Need Prayers?

Call our parish Prayer Network with your prayer needs and concerns (for yourself and others): Nanci Lyon @ 652-6532 or Ginger Hall @ 652-9519.



Join the Hospitality Ministry

Jim Williams ~ Jim.williams@avispc.com

Parishioners from grade 9 to adult are invited to serve as Hospitality Ministers at Blessed Trinity. This is an important ministry for our parish community, and an ideal way to get involved in our parish life.

In the past, this ministry was referred to as "usher." Today, it is so much more and includes:

- ◆ greet parishioners and guests at our services
- ◆ provide Mass counts
- ◆ assist with seating, offertory collection, presenting the offertory gifts
- ◆ assist with communion flow; assist those who need communion at their seats
- ◆ distribute weekly bulletins and offer farewell greetings
- ◆ provide security in the church space during Masses and other services

Training is provided. Men, women, young adults, and families are welcome to assist in this ministry. Please contact me for more information.



*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.

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Michael Snyder ~ coachsnyder07@gmail.com*

There will be a future training session to discuss current and future changes to our EMHC process as it pertains to the implementation of additional directives pointed out in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM).

Blessed Trinity has already implemented many of the required directives under the guidance of Fr. Bob Byrne. Bishop Cistone has instructed parishes to continue with those implementations and Deacon Larry Deford will help us through that process. When the training session has been set, we will contact current EMHC's.

Be a good listener. Your ears will never get you in trouble.

*"Let the Little Children Come to Me"
Remembrance Mass for the Unborn
Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.*

Frankenmuth's Blessed Trinity Catholic Church will host a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Cistone in remembrance of babies who have died in their mother's womb.

All parents and families that have suffered the pain of miscarriage and stillbirth, whether the loss was very recent or occurred many years ago, are welcome to attend. Parishioners are welcome to attend to pray with and for these families and their unborn children.

Wednesday Morning Study Group

There has been much interest in continuing the Wednesday Morning Study Group that was started by Fr. Bob Byrne six years ago. So, on September 19, a study will begin from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon to read and discuss the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday.

We'll touch on the historical background of both the Old and New Testament readings as well as the application of the readings to our daily lives.

If you're interested in a better understanding of the Sunday Mass readings and would like to be part of the group, please call Karen Smith at the parish or Carol Kager at 989-871-4446.

Ministry Enrichment Day

All who minister in any capacity are invited to attend the "Ministry Enrichment Day" on Saturday, November 3 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Frankenmuth's Bavarian Inn Lodge. The theme of the day is "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Joe Paprocki, DMin, author of "A Church on the Move" will reflect on how a church on the move engages the world in his keynote address. There will also be unique breakout opportunities.

The day will end with Mass celebrated by Bishop Cistone. You can register by visiting Saginaw.org and clicking on the Lay Ministry tab from the drop down option box. Registration deadline is October 15.

Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone

Since January, 2012, Bishop Cistone has traveled to different churches throughout the Diocese of Saginaw to lead Holy Hours before the Blessed Sacrament.

You are invited to join him at Frankenmuth's Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we strive to do God's will in our local church on Thursday, November 8 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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All are welcome! Please support our teams! Go Eagles!

All are invited! Cost is \$10.00 each for spaghetti, salad, rolls and non-alcoholic beverage ~ \$5.00 of each meal sold and ALL tips will benefit the FHS Cross Country Teams (invitational fees, purchase of GPS watches, team building events, and more). The athletes will be on hand to serve you.

on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
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~ Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser ~
Frankenmuth High School Cross Country Teams
catered by DaVinci's Italian Restaurant