

A Message From Fr. Denny

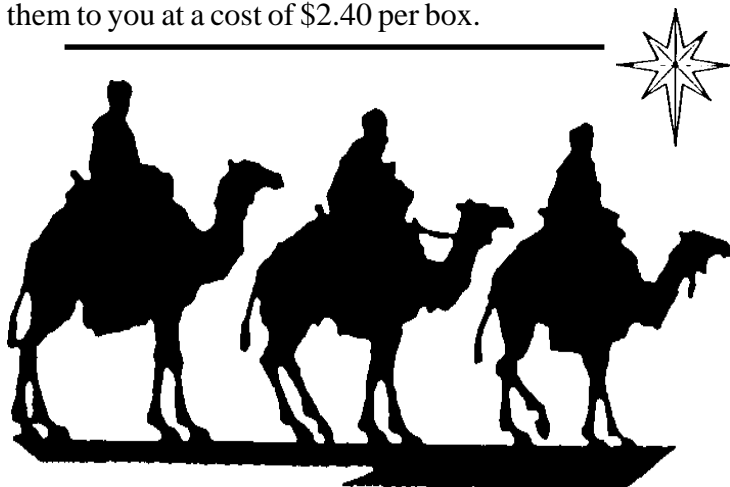
Attention parents of SFX students: A special meeting has been called for Tuesday, January 9 at the K of C Hall. It is expected that all parents will attend this important meeting. The school staff and the School Advisory Board will be present. There will be four presenters: myself, Phyllis Daily, Dick Ruemenapp, and Liz Molosky. The purpose of this meeting is to rally around our school and the Dinner/Auction, as well as to pass on information. To make our school everything that we want it to be we all have to work together.

Attention all couples getting married in 2007 here at SFX: Our first meeting is on Saturday, January 13 at 10:00 a.m. This is a mandatory meeting. If it is not possible for you to attend this meeting please call the rectory.


Please pray for the Bishop's special committee that has been meeting to come up with a plan as to how to best utilize our priests to fill the needs of the people of the Diocese of Gaylord. As you know there are not enough priests in our diocese to place in every parish. There are five priests and ten religious and lay people who serve on this committee. They were chosen from the various vicariates of our diocese.

We are looking forward to our annual Dinner/Auction scheduled for Saturday, February 24 at the K of C Hall. We hope to have another sell-out this year. We also hope to sell a lot of our \$100 raffle tickets for the \$25,000 drawing that will take place that night. We depend on School families and our parish families to purchase these tickets. Sales from raffle tickets is a major source of income for this event. A successful annual fundraiser helps to ensure the future of our school.

My thanks to all of you who took the time to pick up your box of church envelopes. There are still many who did not pick them up. Please do so right away. Otherwise we will be mailing them to you at a cost of \$2.40 per box.



STEWARDSHIP
is what I do after I say "I Believe"....



Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 105.99
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 2.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,235.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 72.00
Endowment	\$ 1,012.00
Envelopes (318)	\$13,061.00
Loose	\$ 1,911.42
Holy Day (Christmas & Jan. 1)	\$ 1,704.00
Total Collection Last Week	\$20,103.41

"What return shall I make to the Lord for all he has done for me?"

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

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High School Youth Group

Hey Teens! Welcome back from your Christmas Vacation! This Sunday, January 7, we will meet at the John Paul II Youth Center from 6-8 pm. You will hear about the upcoming events for Spring and Summer 2007 for High School Youth Group. Don't miss it! Our tubing trip is currently planned for January 14! Permission slips and Medical release forms are required!

Pizza T3 begins this Tuesday, January 9 after the 5:30 pm Mass! T3 is a new program from Ascension Press and Mark Hart and is the teen version of the "The Great Adventure". This is a great new series!

Sign-ups for the High School Youth Conference in Steubenville is still underway! Sign your teen up today! Young Neighbors in Action Sign-ups are also underway! Call Liz Gengle at 347-1921 to register your teen!

In Christ,
Liz Gengle

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Bible Study

Are you looking for a Bible Class that spoon-feeds you all the answers and insights into the Word of God? If you are, Fr. Tony's Bible Class is NOT for you. IF you are looking for the opportunity to be more open to the Holy Spirit, to pray with the scriptures, to have the Word of God be more alive in your life, then the Monday Night Scripture Reflection on the next Sunday's Readings, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the parish rectory is for you. All reading material is provided. All that is needed is your presence and your willingness to be open to the Spirit of God.

Epiphany of the Lord, January 7, 2007

St. Francis Xavier School



PARENTS: As the New Year begins, we also begin preparing for the 2007-2008 school year. Have you considered the possibility of Catholic education for your child at St. Francis Xavier School?

You are invited to join us in the school on the following dates to meet our teachers, learn about our programs and find support as you make a very important decision for your child's next step in education.

Tuesday, January 30 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Middle School Information Night

Tuesday, March 20 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten/Pre-K/Childcare Open House

Catholic Schools Week begins January 28. Watch for activity information coming soon.

For school tours or further information, contact Sandra Beer at 347-3651 Ext. 22.

The Knights of Columbus and Michigan Holy Cross Christian Services (HCCS)

graciously extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the Saint Francis Xavier parishioners who made it possible for several needy children to realize that someone cares for their welfare. Additional thanks go to members of K of C Councils #791 Cheboygan, #923 Petoskey, and Council #7172 Charlevoix, for their work and donation of sweatshirts to the Knights of Columbus and HCCS "Sweatshirts" and "Knitted Caps for Kids" Programs. Be assured that your generous donation of more than 150 Knitted Caps and 30 Sweatshirts, delivered to our Onaway Michigan Facility on December 21, 2006, will benefit many needy children keeping them warm and happy during the cold winter season. Your generosity and concern more than demonstrates the manner in which true Christian Spirit should be practiced. AGAIN, THANK YOU, and our best wishes that you will all experience a spiritually enriched new year.



HELP

We need volunteers once or twice a month on Mondays to help count the Sunday Collection. Please call Ann Faylor at the Church Office 347-4133 for more information.

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THANKS A HEAP!

Ned Fenlon has been on our prayer list for quite a while. We recently got a phone call informing us that Ned wishes to be taken off the list as, at 103, he is doing fine. Ned thanks everyone for their prayers and wants you to know that they work! He'll see you in the Spring!!

Respect Life Committee Roe Reality Check



8 myth: Most abortions are done before fetal organs are functioning.

Fact: Actually, the vast majority are done after the fetal heart has begun beating.

A fetal heart begins to beat at about 21 or 22 days after fertilization. That's at about 3 weeks of development. 77% of abortions in the United States are done well after this point.

9 myth: U.S. abortion law has not encouraged the use of abortion as a method of birth control.

Fact: Nearly half of all abortions are performed on women who have already had at least one.

Today, 48% of women having an abortion in the United States have had at least one previous abortion.

In some states the rate of repeat abortions is much higher.

In Maryland, for example, 71.4% of those having an abortion have already had at least one. And 16.4% have had at least three prior abortions.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The Magi looked first in Jerusalem and Herod's palace but didn't find Jesus until "they entered a home." Like the Magi we often look for God and fulfillment in the wrong places only to discover that God is waiting for us in the loving acceptance of our home.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK 2007

National Migration Week is January 7-13. This year's theme is Welcoming Christ in the Migrant, which is at once an invitation and a challenge to provide welcome for the migrants, immigrants, refugees, human trafficking victims, other people on the move who come to our land seeking justice and peace. Most are surviving in desperate circumstances. Many fail to survive at all. During this special week that has been set aside by the USCCB, it is hoped that Catholics throughout the United States will reach out, celebrate and advocate for those who suffer oppression and poverty in their homeland, and stand in solidarity with them. When we make this journey and embrace the newcomers to our land we reach out in a spirit of peace and hope.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Cursillo Weekends are planned at the Augustine Center in February and March. The Men's Cursillo will be held February 22-25, and the Women's Cursillo on March 9-11. The weekends begin at 7:00 p.m. Thursday and end approximately 5:00 p.m. Sunday. If you would like more information or to register contact Deb Harris at 989.821.5670.

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF January 7-13

Sun: "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

What is one theme of each reading? What is my reaction or response to each reading?

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Is there a phrase or verse to memorize and store in my heart?

8am Intention: D. George & Anna Bednarik
10am Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish
12:00 Bay Shore: Bud & Jean Gray - 64th Wedd. Anniv.

8:00 am Mon: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Gospel Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Intention: Angie Rice

5:30pm Tues: Heb 2:5-12; Gospel Mk 1:21-28
Intention: D. Fred Burrows

8am Wed: Heb 2:14-18; Gospel Mk 1:29-39
Intention: D. Charles Breithaupt

8:30am Thurs: Heb 3:7-14; Gospel Mk 1:40-45
Intention: Sarah Fettig

8am Fri: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Gospel Mk 2:1-12
Intention: D. Malinda Smith

Sat: Heb 4:12-16; Gospel Mk 2:13-17
5 pm Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, January 13/14, 2007

5:00 pm Linda Ward
8:00 am Mary Lee & Bill Huber
10:00 am Mike LaVictoire & Julie Gudmunsen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, January 13/14, 2007

5:00 pm Sue Levitte, Janet Pfliegaar, Joanie Vargo, Chris & George Mayer, Michelle Moose
8:00 am Ann & Larry Hendrick, Vickie Vance, Roger & Joyce Clark, Gene & Gina Klco
10:00 am Suzanne Holguin, John Zimmerman, Bob & Barb Fate, Jim & Linda Beno, Sally Parish

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, January 13/14, 2007

5:00 pm Michael & Laura Ilenich, Jack & Nancy Balchik, Kitty Hramiec, Jerry & Barb Rosevear
8:00 am Russ & Jane Bock, Mick & Barb Stoddard, Jamie & Pam Clark, Dale & Marie Seeley & family, John Schrei
10:00 am Jim & Linda Beno, Steve & Marsey Shuman, Greg & Marie Law & family, Eric & Chris Daniel & family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, January 13/14, 2007

5:00 pm Erik & Adam Hosler, Will Klooster
8:00 am 2 Thompson's, Rochelle Seeley
10:00 am Dylan & Karla Kane, Ian Burke

Envelopes \$ 420.00
 Loose \$ 656.08
 Holy Day \$ 90.00
 \$1,166.08



Liturgical Ministers - January 14, 2007

Minister of the Word: Bill Blackburn
 Eucharistic Minister: Sandi Meyer
 Server: Joey Sypniewski
 Usher: John Wiklanski
 Offering: Judy & Linda Leist

Prayer Chain: Sandi Meyer 347-6190

"O, Come Let Us Adore Him"

St. Francis Xavier Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Adoration on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
 7:00 am to 10:00 pm

Entrance on South side of church (ramp side) off State St.

VOCATION VIEW

Many adults never grow up. They continue to search across the Earth looking for a shining star. Tell them who lights up your life.



LeiAnn (Locke) Hunter, Carol Reed, Samuel Theodore Kolinski, Kerri Malloy, Carolyn Rostar, Sara Scholl, Larry Shear, Pvt. Ryan Craig, Duncan Livingston, Mike Dainoviec, Jessica Kohlligian, Karen Golovich, Martha & Robert Fate, Sr., Ann Beer, Christine Umscheid, Peggy Beyers, Therese Skoczylas, Ed Kelbel, Sr., Helen Dyksterhouse, Dorothy Batterbee, Robert Smolinski, Robert Pung, Frank & Gertrude Kline, Lois Brinkel, Mary Ketchman, Ralph Kilpatrick, Betty Riley, Casie Parker, Penny Pemberton, Rose Case, Ryan McCarthy, Tim Geottes, Sarah Miller, Ned Fenlon, Floyd Francis, Brian Kuebler, Geri Brown, Laura Ilenich, John Ternes

All shut-ins and those in care facilities

Persons of Ministry

Cemetery	Don Paulus	347-2976
Prayer Chain	Margaret Pennell	347-4753
	Bea Wolf	347-2711
Right to Life	Jeanine Connaughton	347-3805
Greeters	Bonnie Farrugia	347-9632
Hospitality	Sally Parish	582-3282
Coffee Hours	Carol Gietzen	347-6935
	Mary Ellen Pulaski	347-4648
Newcomer's	Jim & Linda Beno	347-7926
Health Ministry	Suzanne Holguin	347-4133
Peace & Justice	Fred Liederbach	347-8646
Br. Dan's Food Pantry	Mary Moellering	347-5092

Sponsor of the Week

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