


## A Message From Fr. Denny

Are you ready for Lent? Well, it begins Wednesday, ready or not. Please note the Ash Wednesday schedule. Something new this Lent; we are going to have Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament twice every Friday, 12 and 7:00 p.m. We will also be doing the Tuesday Soup Suppers following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Brother Dan's Food Pantry crew will be serving up their delicious Fish Dinners on the Fridays of Lent beginning at 4:30 p.m. So you can have a great meal and go to Stations of the Cross afterwards. Later I will print the schedule for Communal Penance Services for our parish and for the neighboring parishes in case you miss ours.

Please make it a point to remember the laws of the Church regarding fasting and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent. Of course, it is strongly encouraged that you volunteer to fast and abstain at least one day a week throughout Lent. Don't underestimate the spiritual value of this. We do this as a sign of penitence, as a form of self discipline, and as a way to be in solidarity with the poor and hungry of the world. It is a serious matter for a Catholic to ignore this Church discipline.

I would also be most edified to see more of you at one or more of our daily Masses. Don't forget the Adoration Chapel. During Lent we are reminded of the threefold disciplines: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The Adoration Chapel is a great place for our blood pressure to level off to a healthy level. We need the calmness that comes when we are in the company of the Lord. And then we bring that calmness into our homes and into our work places.

The Stewardship Committee is making progress with those yellow stewardship forms that you filled out. Please be patient, we have not forgotten you. It is a big job getting all that material organized.

	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Mass w/ashes</b>
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Service w/ashes</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Mass w/ashes</b>

## Letter Received

A letter was received from the Diocese of Gaylord Mission Office thanking all who generously gave to the Mission Sunday collection last Oct. SFX gave \$4,067.75.

## Important Grant Deadline Date Change!

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Spring grant deadline has been moved from April to March. The grant deadline this year will be Monday, March 3, 2008.

Questions? Call DJ at 348-5820.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

<b>Kids Coins For Kids</b>	<b>\$ 67.42</b>
<b>Cemetery Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,610.00</b>
<b>Tuition Angel Fund</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>Endowment</b>	<b>\$ 102.00</b>
<b>Envelopes (356)</b>	<b>\$12,441.50</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 1,613.24</b>
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>\$ 47.00</b>
<b>Total Collection Last Week</b>	<b>\$15,961.16</b>

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

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded!

## Thank You

The family of Robert Fate wishes to thank everyone who helped and supported us during our time of loss.

A special Thank You to Father Denny, the choir and the funeral luncheon men and women. The food was delicious.

Thank you for all your cards and prayers.

## Need Sponsors for our Engaged Couples

It's time for our young adults to start their prep for a life together in marriage.

This is a very rewarding ministry since it not only allows the sponsor couple to share their knowledge and experiences with this young couple, but also give "you" something to share with each other as well.

Pray about this!! If you feel you would like to be a sponsor couple, contact Bill & Theresa Morgan 548-5615.

This takes very little training to get started and it is very rewarding for all involved.

## Pantry Needs

The pantry is in need of plastic bags, paper bags and egg cartons. If you can provide any of these items, please drop off at the pantry or in the ramp entrance of the church.

## Lenten Luncheons

**When:** Every Wednesday beginning February 6-March 12

**Where:** First Christian Church

**Time:** Service starts at 12 noon

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon served at 12:30 p.m.

Each service features a devotional from one of the area ministers. (Fr. Denny on March 12)

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group is meeting for a Superbowl Party this Sunday, February 3 from 6-8pm (until half-time) at HOLY CHILDHOOD PARISH Youth Room in Harbor Springs! A permission slip and medical release form are required due to the change in meeting location. Go to www.holychildhoodchurch.org, then to Ministries, Youth Ministry, and then to Forms to obtain a permission slip and medical release form. Bring you favorite superbowl snack to share!

Pizza and Apologetics meets this Tuesday, February 5 for "Pure Pressure", the 5th in a 13-week DVD series called "The Pure Life". Join your peers as we learn more about changing the wave of peer pressure to PURE Pressure! We meet in the John Paul II Youth Center from 6:15pm-7:30pm.

Our MAX 2008 HIGH SCHOOL LENTEN RETREAT is scheduled for Saturday, March 8 at the Augustine Retreat Center in Conway. Cost for the day is \$15. A Retreat Team of 13-members from the Militia Immaculata will be there to host our teens in an awesome day full of great talks, prayerful reflection, the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, dramas, music and more! Contact Liz Gengle at 347-4133 to register your teen today! This retreat is open to all high school teens in Northern Michigan!

Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend the New Life TEC Retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Gaylord the weekend of March 14-16, 2008 at Camp Daggett. This is an excellent weekend experience for your teen! Visit www.newlifetec.org for applications and information! Call Liz Gengle at 347-4133 with any questions about this powerful weekend experince focusing on the Paschal Mystery. Don't missit!



God Bless, Liz Gengle

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SFX School News

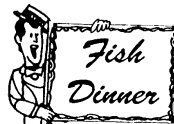
St. Francis Xavier students are expressing their faith by joining the parish for Mass on Ash Wednesday and Stations of the Cross on Friday at noon. Thanks for your continued support and prayers for our students and staff.

Prayers for our Troops

We are asking once again for anyone who has a relative serving in the military to let us know who they are and provide a picture if available. These will be displayed at the entrance to the Adoration Chapel to provide a personal connection for the prayers offered for our troops and for peace. Please bring information to the parish office.

Contribution Statements

The statements have been sent out for those who contributed \$250 or more for last year. If you did not receive a statement and would like one sent, please contact the parish office.



Br. Dan's Food Pantry

The Volunteers of Brother Dan's Pantry cordially invite you to our third annual Friday night Lenten fish fry. What a wonderful way to dine with your neighbors, family and friends, support the mission of the pantry and maintain meatless Fridays during Lent. We have delicious food; we are reasonably priced and service is with a smile. We will be serving on Feb. 8, 15, 22, 29 and March 7 & 14. Please mark the dates on your calendar, bring a friend or two and enjoy an evening out of the kitchen. Thank you for your support and we're looking forward to seeing you during Lent.

4:30 - 7:00 pm

\$8 Adults - \$4 6-12 - 5 & under Free

SFX School Raffle Ticket Order Form

\*Grand Raffle Drawing Feb. 23, 2008 - one \$25,000 prize and five \$1,000 prizes

\*Monthly Early Bird Drawings for \$250 - September through February

\*Only 1, 500 tickets will be sold. Early bird winners re-entered into Grand Raffle Drawing

To order tickets, please complete this form and send it with cash, check or money order to:

Blue Ribbon Committee, St. Francis Xavier, P.O. Box 770, Petoskey, MI 49770

We will send you your ticket stub. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets @\$100/ticket = \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF February 3-10**

**8 am Mon:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Gospel Mk 5:1-20

**Intention:** *D. Herman Paul Smith*

**5:30pm Tues:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Gospel Mk 5:21-43

**Intention:** *Nancy Boughall*

**8:30am Wed:** J1 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Gospel Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Intention:** *D. Mary Frantz & family*

**7 pm Intention:** *St. Francis Xavier Parish*

**8:am Thurs:** Dt 30:15-20; Gospel Lk 9:22-25

**Intention:** *D. Lei Ann Hunter*

**8am Fri:** Is 58:1-9a; Gospel Mt 9:14-15

**Intention:** *D. JoAnn Zmikly*

**5 pm Sat:** Is 58:9b-14; Gospel Lk 5:27-32

**Intention:** *D. Stephen & Rose Kolinsky*

**Sun:** Gn 2:7-9, 13:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Gospel Mt 4:1-11

**8am Intention:** *D. May Nessen*

**10am Intention:** *D. Ben Richardson*

**12noon Bay Shore:** *St. Francis Solanus Parish*

**LECTORS**

**Saturday & Sunday, February 9/10, 2008**

**5:00 pm** Linda Ward

**8:00 am** Kolleen Homuth & John Parker

**10:00 am** Mike LaVictoire & Chuck Spencer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, February 9/10, 2008**

**5:00 pm** Carol Schwartzfisher, Chris & George Mayer, Brian & Teresa George, Sue Levitte

**8:00 am** Ann & Larry Hendricks, Joyce & Roger Clark, Ed Collins, Mary Tonge, Mary Putters

**10:00 am** Sue Fifer, Lisa Rasmussen, Gertrude Marquardt, Sally Parish, Bud & Mary Riley

**GREETERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, February 9/10, 2008**

**5:00 pm** Greg & Marie Law & family, Jack & Nancy Balchik, Kitty Hramiec, Jerry & Barb Rosevear

**8:00 am** Russ & Jane Bock, Mick & Barb Stoddard, Jamie & Pam Clark, Dale & Marie Seeley & family

**10:00 am** Jim & Linda Beno, Steve & Marsey Shuman, Sally Spring, Eric & Chris Daniel & family

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, February 9/10, 2008**

**5:00 pm** Lucas & Sam Robbins, Kelly Powers

**8:00 am** Lisa Dinon, 2 Thompson's

**10:00 am** Aspen Williams, Alexis Donovan, Morgan Davis



**St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore**

Envelopes \$440.00  
Loose \$118.67  
\$558.67

**Liturgical Ministers - February 10, 2008**

Minister of the Word: Sandi Meyer  
Eucharistic Minister: Dave Meyer  
Server: Michael Sypniewski  
Usher: Dave Meyer  
Offering: Sypniewski family

*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 VIEWS**

A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to the mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

 PRAYER REQUESTS	Carol Reed, Samuel Theodore Kolinski, Kerri Malloy, Carolyn Rostar, Larry Shear, Pvt. Ryan Craig, Mike Dainoviec, Jessica Kohlligian, Karen Golovich, Martha Fate, Peggy Beyers, Therese Skoczylas, Ed Kelbel, Sr., Helen Dyksterhouse, Frank & Gertrude Kline, Lois Brinkel, Mary Ketchman, Ralph Kilpatrick, Betty Riley, Casie Parker, Rose Case, Ryan McCarthy, Sarah Miller, Floyd Francis, Brian Kuebler, Jerry Brown, Laura Ilenich, Gregg Hosler, Mike Conflitti, Pat Powers, Molly Walenta, Paul Lacusta, Tom Steffel, Andrew Francis, Martin & Carol Beer, Jean Haase, Jeremy Yell, Carol Lamberti, Andy Mayer, Sally Doody, Lisa Lightfoot, Suzanne Czerkis
	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
Respect Life Committee	Mike LaVictoire	526-1302
Greeters	Bonnie Farrugia	347-9632
Hospitality	Sally Parish	590-0949
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	347-7423

**Sponsor of the Week**  
**Beno Clinic**