

A Message From Fr. Denny

So far we have received 310 responses to our Sunday Offertory Commitment campaign. Thank you wonderful people who are trying your best to work with us to retire our parish debt. Where are the other 800 plus of you??? It is all very simple, hand in your commitment form and let us know if you are willing or able to help carry the load. I think I have a right to hear from each and every one of you. Are you going to simply let the 310 carry the entire burden by themselves? Why would you do that? I fail to see why you couldn't at least give us the courtesy of a "yes" or "no". The 310 who are with us range from the more "well-to-do" to the "widow's mite". These are folks who understand what it means to be a community of faith in which all of us work together in the giving of time, talent, and treasure for the good of the Church. I am not giving up on the rest of you just yet. I would even like to hear from our snowbirds, many of whom get this bulletin in the mail.

By the way, I haven't given up on our wealthier parishioners to give a major gift toward the debt retirement. You know who you are. We need a portion of what God has given you. I'd be happy to meet with you to further discuss your contribution.

My thanks to those who worked so hard to pull off another successful Dinner/Auction for our school. I'll give you the details in the next bulletin as to who won the various raffle drawings.

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


Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 74.03
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 28.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,177.50
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 74.00
Endowment	\$ 14.00
Envelopes (362)	\$12,286.00
Loose	\$ 1,493.39
Total Collection Last Week	\$17,146.92

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


Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

Prayers for Clergy & Religious for March

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| 1-Pope Benedict XVI | 16-Fr. Ruben Munoz |
| 2-Fr. Dale Magoon | 17-Fr. Francis Murphy |
| 3-Fr. Patrick Maher | 18-Fr. Robert Nalley |
| 4-Fr. Walter Marek | 19-Deceased Priests |
| 5-Religious Brothers & Sisters | 20-Fr. Thomas Neis |
| 6-Fr. James Mausolf | 21-Fr. Paul Paré, ofm |
| 7-Fr. Greg McCallum | 22-Fr. Francis Partridge |
| 8-Fr. John McCracken | 23-Fr. Donard Paulus, ofm |
| 9-Fr. Paul Megge | 24-All Seminarians |
| 10-Bishop Patrick Cooney | 25-Fr. Joseph Reitz |
| 11-Fr. Gerald Micketti | 26-Fr. Richard Seifferly |
| 12-Fr. Isadore Mikulski | 27-Fr. Lawrence Sergott |
| 13-Fr. Arthur Mulka | 28-Fr. Vernon Sieminski |
| 14-Fr. Raymond Mulka | 29-Fr. Rolando Silva |
| 15-All Deacons | 30-Fr. Vianney Sipulski, ofm |
| | 31-Fr. Richard Sitar |





Soup & Bread Supper
Every Tuesday evening in Lent
After 5:30 pm Mass



Fish Dinner
Every Friday evening in Lent
4:30 - 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Every Friday evening in Lent
7:00 pm

Family Confirmation Retreat

We are still in need of someone to help with the Confirmation Retreat, Saturday, March 10. This person could come at 11:00 and leave at 2:00. Please call Sr. Kathy (347-2681) to volunteer.

Wondering What to Do for Lent??

Come join us Tuesday evenings in church. We have rosary at 5:00 pm, followed by Mass at 5:30 pm. Immediately after Mass we have devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. These devotions only take about 15 minutes, so we promise to have you out in plenty of time to enjoy some good hot soup and bread.

Won't you please join us??



First Sunday of Lent, February 25, 2007

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, February 25, from 6-8 pm in the John Paul II Youth Center for "Credo" - when we take a deeper look at the basic beliefs of our Catholic Faith as given to us in the Apostles Creed. "Credo" will be presented by Val Porter from St. Mary's Parish in Cheboygan.

Pizza and Apologetics will meet this Tuesday, February 27, after the 5:30 pm Mass from 6:15pm-7:30pm. Join us!

Only a few spots remain open for the High School Youth Conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville! Sign-up today by calling Liz Gengle at 347-4133 and bring your \$30 deposit to hold your spot! Thanks!

Special thanks to all who baked, purchased, and donated to help make our Bake Sale a big success!!! Thank you! Our next youth group bake sale will be held on Sunday, April 15!

In Christ, Liz Gengle

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Peace and Justice Council

The Art of Fasting preparing to practice

By Thomas Ryan, CSP



Fast with Your Eyes

- * Become informed about the causes of hunger and watch less TV and videos; reflect more on your life through keeping a journal.
- * Become informed about the causes of hunger in the world.

Fast with Your Ears

- * Listen less to the radio, CD's, cassettes, and listen more to your own inner heart and spirit.
- * Be attentive to the words of others.
- * Listen to and let yourself be challenged by the words expressed in the scriptures.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The devil tempted Jesus to ignore his Father and to rely on his own abilities (possessions, fame and power). We face the same temptations if we think we earned our blessings. Jesus teaches us to recognize God's protection and love as the source of our blessings and warns not to "put the Lord, your God, to the test,"

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, March 11
8:30 am - Noon
SFX Parish Hall**

Brother Dan's Food Pantry Update

REMINDER: NEXT WEEK IS PANTRY SUNDAY

If you are looking for ideas as to what to put in the carts next week on Pantry Sunday, here are a couple of ideas. Soup, cereal and canned fruits are three items that we like to keep on our shelves and we are very low on. We could however, use anything that you are willing to share.

Over the last two weeks we served 140 different families which reflects 371 people. It is truly a blessing to be able to serve so many different families in our community. Thank you!!

REMINDER: Every Friday during Lent is our annual - All you can eat, "homemade" **Fish Fry Dinner**. 4:30 to 7:00 pm in the parish hall. \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children, 5 and under free. Let us feed you as you help us to feed our families. If you are interested in helping, give us a call at the pantry (347-7423).

Watch for our next pie sale on April 21 & 22.

We are always looking for new smiling faces to help at the pantry. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours or maybe would just like a tour, give us a call.

Thank you and God bless you!
For all we do, we do in His name.

LIFE MATTERS

Research [involving the destruction of human embryos] ... is not truly at the service of humanity. ... History itself has condemned such a science in the past and will condemn it in the future, not only because it lacks the light of God but also because it lacks humanity. ... [N]o one can dispose of human life. An insurmountable limit to our possibilities of doing and of experimenting must be established. The human being is not a disposable object, but every single individual represents God's presence in the world. ... In the face of the actual suppression of the human being there can be no compromises or prevarications. --Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Symposium "Stem Cells: What Future for Therapy?" Sept. 16, 2006

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF Feb. 25-March 3

Sun: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
 Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13
 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

8am Intention: Sandra Smith
10am Intention: D. Joseph & Ann Schneider
12:00 Bay Shore: St. Francis Solanus Parish

8:00 am Mon: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Gospel Mt 25:31-46
Intention: D. Virginia P. Schlueter-Brehl

5:30pm Tues: Is 55:10-11; Gospel Mt 6:7-15
Intention: D. Frank M. Lemanski

8am Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Gospel Lk 11:29-32
Intention: Donald MacLachlan

8:30am Thurs: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Gospel Mt 7:7-12
Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish

8am Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Gospel Mt 5:20-26
Intention: Sylvia & Chester Studzinski -
 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sat: Deut 26:16-19; Gospel Mt 5:43-48
5 pm Intention: Sarah Scholl

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, March 3/4, 2007

5:00 pm Pat Hoffman
8:00 am Bill Kanine & Kolleen Homuth
10:00 am Julie Gudmunsen & Mike LaVictoire

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 3/4, 2007

5:00 pm Audrey Mania, Brian & Teresa George, Austin & Virginia Cole, Margaret & Stan Borowski
8:00 am Ed Collins, Carla Kanine, Alvaro Artaza, Mary Putters, Maureen McCathry, Frank & Julie Holzschu
10:00 am Sally Parish, Lisa Rasmussen, Emily Daniel, Bud & Mary Riley, Bob & Barb Fate

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 3/4, 2007

5:00 pm Dan & Jennifer Cleary, Frank & Carol Ronan, Nancy Jakab, Ellen Byerlein, Mary Jane Phelan
8:00 am Roger & Joyce Clark, Lyle Eaton, Chuck & Bonnie Farrugia, Pete & Linda Kelbel, Catherine DeVet
10:00 am Miguel & Amalia Galindo & family, Drew & Lisa Rust, Aleece Balchik, VandenBrink family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 3/4, 2007

5:00 pm Brandon & Christopher Kargol, Taylor Ide
8:00 am 2 Thompson's, Connor Reed
10:00 am Dylan & Karla Kane, Ian Burke

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$297.00
 Loose \$249.00
 \$546.00

Liturgical Ministers - March 4, 2007

Minister of the Word: Lauren Sypniewski
 Eucharistic Minister: Sandi 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 VIEW

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.



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, Floyd Francis, Brian Kuebler, Geri Brown, Laura Ilenich

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
Flatiron Deli