


A Message From Fr. Denny

My deepest thanks to Liz Molosky and Tim Kuhlman for their leadership in this year's most successful ever Dinner/Auction. The most challenging task a pastor has is to surface leadership among the laity. We have little trouble in getting volunteers for any number of ministries and tasks, but getting good leadership is really tough. That is why I especially want to thank Liz and Tim above all others for taking on the daunting task of co-chairing the Blue Ribbon Committee. Whether or not we continue with this wonderful fundraising event in the future will depend entirely on getting the requisite lay leadership. The Blue Ribbon Committee did a terrific job in taking leadership roles for the various committees from decorating to cleanup. The folks who sold and bought tickets, came to the Preview Night or to the Dinner/Auction itself and who bid on the items for oral and silent auctions all deserve kudos. The final figures are not in for what our profit was. I'll let you know as soon as I get them. All profits go to the school and no where else.

Please remember our Tuesday evening Soup Suppers and our Friday evening Fish Fry dinners. Remember to keep Lent the season that it is, a season of penitence, of prayer and fasting and of giving alms. Stations of the Cross and Benediction every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 11
8:30 am - Noon
SFX Parish Hall




Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee
 Prepared and served by the SFX Boy Scout Troop 7
 Come enjoy the best breakfast deal in town while supporting this St. Francis Xavier sponsored youth program!

\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	Under 6 Free
Single	Couple	Family	

Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Troop 7 Scout or at the door.

Give Us a Listen!
90.9 fm WTCK



Catholic Radio for the Diocese of Gaylord
 Office & Studio located at Baraga Broadcasting Indian River

Taken by mistake: a woman's long, black wool coat, size 6, from the Dinner/Auction on Saturday, February 24th. Bring to the parish office.


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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 51.47
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,008.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 30.00
Endowment	\$ 10.00
Envelopes (357)	\$13,351.00
Loose	\$ 1,573.38
Total Collection Last Week	\$17,049.12

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

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a booth for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

Peace and Justice Council
The Art of Fasting preparing to practice
By Thomas Ryan, CSP




Fast with Your Mouth

- * Take just one helping of the food that is served.
- * Eat fewer sweets and processed food, but appreciate more simple food and drink like water and good bread.

Fast with Your Hands

- * Back off from things that agitate you.
- * Take time to just sit and reflect, to rest and observe.
- * Make time in your schedule to put your hands together in prayer.
- * Share from your own goods with those who have less.

"Come Find Your Pot of Gold"
St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Blarney
 to benefit the SFX 8th Grade Class Trip
 Saturday, March 17, 6-11 pm
 Tickets: \$20 Donation



Call Tina @ 231-622-1424 or e-mail: sweeneya9charter.net

- *Irish Fare (provided by Sweetwater Catering)
- *Cash Bar *Music *Games *Raffle
- *Prizes: Airfare & dinner in Orlando, FL -
 X-Box 360 - Digital Camera (Cannon 36,000
 8.0 mega pixel w/4x optical zoom and 1 GB SD
 memory card) - iPod Shuffle -Red Wings/Lions
 Sports Package - Sunset Cruise on Walloon Lake
 (including fine wines & hors d'oeuvres)

Second Sunday of Lent, March 4, 2007

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, March 4 from 6-8pm for "A Walk through the Holy Mass" with Fr. Dennis Stilwell in the John Paul II Youth Center!

All teens are invited to help serve the Soup Supper after the 5:30pm Mass this Tuesday, March 6. Volunteers will be needed beginning at 3:30pm until Mass and then following the Mass with serving the soup and clean-up. This is great service for the entire parish and is one delicious event! Pizza and Apologetics will meet again on Tuesday, March 13.

Ten teen volunteers are needed to help serve dinner and assist in clean-up at the St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church Restoration Dinner on Saturday, March 24. Let Liz know if you are able to help out!

High School Seniors and College-aged young adults are invited to attend a New Life T.E.C. Retreat the weekend of March 16-18, 2007. It is a powerful weekend retreat focused on the Paschal Mystery. Contact Liz Gengle at 347-4133 for an application and more information.

Consider sponsoring or making a donation to help teens attend the Young Neighbors in Action Program July 8-14, or the Franciscan University of Steubenville High School Youth Conference June 22-24, 2007. Mail donations to:

Liz Gengle
St. Francis Xavier Parish
513 Howard St.
Petoskey, MI 49770

God Bless your week! In Christ, Liz Gengle

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Attention: All Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 923.

An important meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8th, to determine the distribution of the money that has been earned through our various fund raising efforts. We have many requests from both new and formerly supported organizations. Your vote at the meeting will determine how much of our available charitable dollars will be allocated to each organization.

The meeting will be part of our regular business meeting which starts promptly at 7:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Membership cards will be required to vote. Those cards will be available at the meeting for those who have recently paid their annual dues. Please contact Pat Gammon or Dick Brown should you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing a good turnout! On the 8th your presence really counts for those we serve!

LIFE MATTERS

The value of marriage is not that adults produce children but that children produce adults.-- Peter De Vries

Sacrament Prep 2007-2008

The process has already begun for parents of children in the first grade or other grade levels desiring to prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. There will be a make up meeting for those wanting to be part of the 2007-2008 process. Letters of invitation have been sent to parents, but not all have responded. Accommodations will be made if you respond to Sr. Kathy by Monday, May 5. Otherwise, your children will need to wait until 2009 to celebrate the sacraments. If you need clarification, please contact Sr. Kathy (347-2681)

Sacrament Prep Retreat

You are invited to remember in prayer next Saturday, March 10, the Sacrament Prep candidates and their families as they spend the day in retreat before their final preparations in celebrating the sacraments of initiation.

Since you, as parish, are also catechist for these children in echoing God's word to them, you have an opportunity to fulfill your role in their preparation through prayer. The families will meet from 9:30-2:30. They will be involved in prayer, reflection, activities, and socializing through sharing a meal.

Many of you have been praying for an individual candidate. The candidates will celebrate the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation Sunday, April 22 during the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy. You may want to extend a note of congratulations to the newly confirmed and first communicants on that day.

The First Eucharist candidates will have their first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Tuesday, March 13.

We thank all of you who support these candidates and their families.

**FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS -
A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

One of the most fantastic summer activities will happen June 17-23: The Christian Leadership Institute sponsored by our Diocese of Gaylord. This is what several of your peers from around Northern Michigan wrote after attending CLI last year. Their remarks are in response to an evaluation question, "The most important things I learned through CLI were" ... "the importance and development of relationships with others, including Christ." ... "To be myself and not be afraid to be a Catholic Christian." Please pray about and consider this opportunity for growth. Questions? Call Norm Bennett, 347-9055.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Groups

Begins March 13 Four weekly sessions to be held on Tuesdays, from 6-8 p.m. at the Community Health Education Center - 360 Connable Ave.

Contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay 487-4825 to register

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF March 4-10

Sun: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

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

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Phillipians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

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

8am Intention: *St. Francis Xavier Parish*

10am Intention: *Roger & Joyce Clark*

12:00 Bay Shore: *St. Francis Solanus*

8:00 am Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Gospel Lk 6:36-38

Intention:

5:30pm Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20; Gospel Mt 23:1-12

Intention: *D. Wanda Peplinski*

8am Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Gospel Mt 20:17-28

Intention:

8:30am Thurs: Jer 17:5-10; Gospel Lk 16:19-31

Intention: *D. Norm & Evelyn Thompson*

8am Fri: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Gospel Mt 21:33-34, 45-46

Intention: *D. JoAnn Amikly*

Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Gospel Lk 1-3, 11-32

5 pm Intention: *L. & D. Fryczynski family*

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, March 10/11, 2007

5:00 pm Tom Nagurka

8:00 am Mary Lee & Bill Huber

10:00 am Jody VanSlembrouck & Brian Brachel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 10/11, 2007

5:00 pm Janet Pflieghaar, Joanie Vargo, Sue Levitte, Jennifer Muller, Chris & George Mayer

8:00 am Gene & Gina Klco, Alvaro ARtaza, Mary Putters, Gietzen, Rob & Kim Kronberg

10:00 am Jim Holtz, Marsey Shuman, Mary Tonge, John Zimmerman, Lisa Doublestein, Gunner Deery

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 10/11, 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, Sally Spring, Greg & Marie Law & family, Eric & Chris Daniel & family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 10/11, 2007

5:00 pm Brittinni Daley, Kelly Powers, Will Klooster

8:00 am Reilly Philliben, Rochelle Seeley, Austin Willson

10:00 am Tyler Rasmussen, Tom & Joe LeBlanc

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$ 915.00
Loose \$ 487.00
\$1,402.00

Liturgical Ministers - March 11, 2007

Minister of the Word: Chris Hautamaki
Eucharistic Minister: Dave Meyer
Server: Tim Sysko
Usher: Gus Sonnenberg
Offering: Mae & Dave Charbeneau

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

After the transfiguration, Peter, John and James wanted to stay up on the mountain. But Jesus said "Move," with the knowledge that ships are safe in harbors, but not meant to stay in port.



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, Gregg Hosler

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
MacGregor