

## A Message From Fr. Denny



Holy Week is now here! Spring is just days away. I know that it is asking a lot when I urge you to make every effort to keep this week truly a holy week. The obligatory day of fasting and abstaining from meat is Good Friday. But it would be great if throughout the entire week there was at least semi-fasting. The Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil liturgies are especially beautiful. The Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Gaylord on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. is also a very moving experience. All members of the parish are urged to attend all of these liturgies or as many of them as possible. Fortunately it is not Spring Break yet, so we should be able to expect very good attendance at these liturgies.

**THE BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS** will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Holy Saturday, followed by some coffee and rolls, and then by Easter Vigil Rehearsal.

One of the things that has not been well participated in on Holy Thursday is the veneration of the Eucharist in the chapel after Mass. Veneration is until midnight. It would be great if we could make some big improvements on this. Keeping vigil with the Lord during His agony in the garden can be a very rewarding experience.

I will be around most of the week following Easter. On April 7 I will fly down to Florida with my mother and my aunt to visit with my sister for ten days. When I return, Fr. Eyob will fly home to Ethiopia for about three weeks. He hasn't been home in three years, so he is quite excited to go home. I told him that I was going to keep all of his stuff here so that he has to come back until his year is up with us. On the weekend that Fr. Eyob departs the parish will be celebrating First Communion Sunday and the Sacrament of Confirmation. I will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation since the bishop is not yet ready to take on this task. We continue to pray for his full recovery. He is making good progress.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

There will be a Divine Mercy Celebration and Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, March 30th at 3:00 at St. Francis Xavier Church. You should start the novena on Good Friday. Copies will be available in church.

## Baptismal Prep Class

Any parents planning the Baptism of their child who have not attended a previous class are invited to participate in this required preparation class. It is held in the parish rectory and begins at 8:30 am.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 45.84
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 42.00
Building Fund	\$ 819.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 379.00
Endowment	\$ 64.00
Envelopes (298)	\$11,760.00
Loose	\$ 1,256.75
Easter Flowers	\$ 418.00
<b>Total Collection Last Week</b>	<b>\$14,784.59</b>

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

"The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them." says Isaiah in today's first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

## Monday Night Bible Study

There will NOT be Bible Study on March 17th and 24th. Monday night Bible Study resumes on March 31st.

## FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.

## Many, Many Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Sacrament Prep Family Retreat last Saturday. Our cooks, servers, childcare, catechists, social/snack servers, as well as the families who participated are to be commended. What a great day! How grateful we are to all of you.

Thank you to all of you who prayed for us. Those prayers are powerful and appreciated. We have so many wonderful parishioners who are truly dedicated ministers of Jesus Christ. What role models we have in our midst.

Sr. Kathy

## Pop Can Tabs

Keep those pop can tabs coming in. We are nearly a fourth of the way to belonging to the "Thanks a Million Club" with 249,729 tabs. The tabs turned in go directly to help families during their stay at Ronald McDonald House. This is one of the few fund raisers that doesn't cost money...just effort.

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, March 16, 2008

### **High School Youth Group**

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, March 16 from 5-8pm for a John Paul II Festival Preparation & Work-Bee. Dinner will be provided! Lot's of help needed for set preparations-come ready to paint! Actors will be rehearsing. Join in on the fun!

Pizza & Apologetics meets this Tuesday, March 18th from 6:15-7:30pm in the John Paul II Youth Center.

Before you head out on your spring break trip - don't forget to register for the High School Youth Conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville the weekend of June 20-22, 2008. Over 2000 teenagers gather for an extraordinary weekend packed with excellent talks, the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, music, entertainment, and great fellowship. See what it's all about at [www.franciscanyouth.com](http://www.franciscanyouth.com) Call Liz Gengle at 347-4133, ext. 27 to register!

In Christ, Liz Gengle

### **If Tomorrow Never Comes**

If I knew it would be the last time that I'd see you fall asleep, I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door, I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise, I would videotape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time I could spare an extra minute or two to stop and say I love you, instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day, well, I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let this one slip away.

For surely, there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight, and we always get a second chance to make everything right. There will always be another day to say our I love you's and certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's". But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get, I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike, and today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight. So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today? For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day.

That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear, tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear. Take time to say, "I'm sorry, please forgive me," "thank you", or "It's okay". And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today.



Worship Schedule for Holy Week

### **Chrism Mass, March 18, 2008 11:00 am** **St. Mary Cathedral in Gaylord**

### **Holy Thursday, March 20, 2008 7:00 pm**

**Lector:** Mike LaVictoire

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Audrey Mania, Lee Phillips, Carol Schwartzfisher, Denn Nason, Brian & Teresa George

**Altar Servers:** Austin Willson, Luke Tillotson, Craig Schoenith, Mike Sypniewski, Brandan Kargol

### **Good Friday, March 21, 2008 1:00 pm**

**Lector:** Kim Philliben

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lee Phillips, Volunteer

**Altar Servers:** Joe & Tom LeBlanc

### **Blessing of Easter Baskets, March 22,** **2008 9:30 am**

In Church with a continental breakfast to follow in the parish hall

### **Easter Vigil, March 22, 2008 8:00 pm**

**Lectors:** Dick Ruemenapp & 3 Volunteers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gietzen, Sally Parish, Joyce & Roger Clark, Carol Schwartzfisher, Denn Nason, Audrey Mania

**Altar Servers:** Austin Willson, Craig Schoenith, Luke Tillotson, Erik Hosler, Mike Sypniewski, Brandan Kargol

### **Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008 8:00 am**

**Lector:** Kolleen Homuth & Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carla Kanine, Alvaro Artaza, Joyce & Roger Clark, Austin & Virginia Cole

**Altar Servers:** 3 Volunteers

**Greeters:** Ed & Peg Collins, Shari Hoek, Terry Bennett, Bill & Carla Kanine

### **Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008 10:00 am**

**Lectors:** Chuck Spencer & Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers:** 6 Volunteers

**Altar Servers:** Joe & Tom LeBlanc & 1 Volunteer

**Greeteres:** Jeff & Shawn Haven Aaron & Rachel Brook & family, Mary DeAgostino, Annette Fettig

**SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF March 17-23**

**8 am Mon:** Is 42:1-7; Gospel Jn 12:1-11  
*Intention: D. Henry, Jacqueline & Mabel Fox*

**5:30pm Tues:** Is 49:1-6; Gospel Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
*Intention: D. Isabelle Hoffman*

**8am Wed:** Is 50:4-9a; Gospel Mt 26:14-25  
*Intention: D. Jack & Stella Wodek*

**7 pm Thurs:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Gospel 1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
*Intention: Richard Steffel*

**1 pm Fri:** Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Gospel Jn 18:1-19:42

**8 pm Sat:** Gen 1:1-2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Epistle Rom 6:3-11; Gospel Mt 28:1-10  
*Intention: D. Joseph & Ann Schneider*

**Sun:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Gospel Jn 20:1-9

**8am Intention: Thomas Bejin**

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

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

**St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore**

Envelopes \$225.00  
 Loose \$331.00  
 \$556.00

**Liturgical Ministers - March 23, 2008 Easter Sunday**

Minister of the Word: Sandi Meyer  
 Eucharistic Minister: Gus Sonnenberg  
 Server: Patrick 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**

Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life

 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, Laura Ilenich, Gregg Hosler, Mike Conflitti, Pat Powers, Tom Walenta, Paul Lacusta, Tom Steffel, Andrew Francis, Martin & Carol Beer, Jeremy Yell, Carol Lamberti, Andy Mayer, Matthew Royce, Jean Salisz, Patrick Manyan
	All shut-ins and those in care facilities

Mirth is God's medicine. Henry Ward Beecher  
 Our attitude is the crayons that color our world. Allen Klein  
 Humor is tragedy plus time. Carol Burnett  
 If you can laugh at it, you can live with it.  
 Hpe for miracles, but don't rely on one. Yiddish proverb  
 Misery comes free. Joy, fun and laughter take planning.  
 C.W. Metcalf  
 Humor is chaos, remebered in tranquility. James Thurber  
 Life itself cannot give you joy unless you really will it. Life just gives you time and space. It's up to you to fill it. Chinese Proverb  
 Some days you're the bug, some days you're the windshield.  
 Mark Knopfler  
 Hope: tomorrow's veneer over today's disappointment.  
 Evan Esar  
 If you're gonna walk on thin ice, you may as well dance.  
 Jessie Winchester  
 I got to be a little bit crazy, 'cause it keeps me from going insane.  
 Country Song  
 Warning: humor may be hazardous to your illness.  
 Don't deny the diagnosis. Try to defy the verdict.  
 Norman Cousins  
 We don't laugh because we're happy - we're happy because we laugh.  
 William James  
 One of the best things people can have up their sleeve is a funny bone.  
 R. L. Weaver II  
 Peace starts with a smile.  
 Mother Teresa  
 Some pursue happiness - others create it.  
 In spite of the cost of living it is still popular. J.L. Peter  
 Humor is the prelude to faith, and laughter is the beginning of prayer.  
 Reinhold Niebuhr

**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**  
**Riley J. Turcott, O.D.**