

A Message From Fr. Denny

I will be taking a couple of days off this week to take my mom to our home town of Ionia to visit with relatives. We do this every year at about this time and then also in the Fall. It is important to keep in touch with family.

Our Stewardship Committee meets on Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m.

The TEC Retreat at Camp Daggett this past week was terrific. It is always an inspiration to me to see our younger generation take their Catholic Faith seriously and to really pay attention to knowing their faith and having a personal relationship with Jesus. We have some impressive young adults in our parish and in our diocese.

We are all 'blown away' by the support of our Friday Fish Suppers. Thank you so much for helping this fund raiser for Brother Dan's Food Pantry. The lives that the Food Pantry touch, including the lives of our volunteers, is very moving. I am very proud of this ministry in our parish that reaches out to all who are in need.

I am still looking for a few folks who are interested in putting together an updated list of the alumni of SFX School. Call my office if you would like to take on this task.

Don't forget to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation while it is still Lent. The three **Communal Penance Services** scheduled are as follows:

Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28 at noon

Thursday, March 29 at noon.

Of course, we always have private confessions every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



It's almost 1 year since Norm and Kathy Bennett led a group of 21 to the MS Gulf Coast for post-Katrina recovery. As Easter approaches again, I just want to let the group know again how appreciative I am. You did a wonderful job. Also, thank you to the nice lady who gave me a gift box with Spoon Cherry, buckwheat pancake mix, etc. It was good! God bless you all! In my prayers. Please remember me in yours.

Diana (the yellow house)

STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 46.01
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 66.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,925.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 20.00
Endowment	\$ ----
Envelopes (3)	\$14,262.00
Loose	\$ 1,054.95
Total Collection Last Week	\$17,373.96

"What return shall I make to the Lord for The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

Another Special Announcement for High School Students:

High School Youth, from around our Diocese, who attended the Christian Leadership Institute last summer had good things to say about their experience. These remarks are from their CLI 2006 evaluation. "I made new friends and got way close to God and know that He always loves me." "I learned that it is so important to start everyone out with a clean slate, even if you are jealous of them or they annoy you." "This experience helped me to see that being yourself is everything." "I wish I could come back every summer!" Christian Leadership Institute, June 17-23. Think about it. Pray about it. Do it!!!! Call Norm Bennett, 347-9055 or Liz Gengle, 347-4133.

Fair Trade Coffee for Sale



The Hospitality Committee will be selling Catholic Relief Service's Fair Trade Coffee at the Sunday coffee hours. Both regular and decaf coffees in both ground and whole bean varieties will be available for \$8 a pound.

These sales will help to support the small coffee farmers, especially in our sister diocese in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

We will also be serving the Fair Trade coffee at our coffee hours after the 8 am and 10 am Sunday Masses.

Eternal Rest...

News has been received of the death of Sr. James Ellen Woolsey. Sr. died on Sunday, March 11th. Please remember her in your prayers.



Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 18, 2007

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, March 18 from 6-8 pm in the John Paul II Youth Center for a special presentation for Parent's and Teens by Fr. Donald Libby on the subject of Vocations entitled "Fishers of Men". Please join us for this inspiring presentation and social afterwards.

Pizza and Aplogetics meets this Tuesday, March 20 after the 5:30 pm Mass in the John Paul II Youth Center!

Would you like to develop Christian leadership skills in a fun and enriching way?! Try the Christian Leadership Institute this June 17-23 at Boyne Valley Resort! Contact Liz Gengle at 347-4133 for more information.

Special Movie Night for the Entire Parish: POPE JOHN PAUL II on Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. Cost is \$5.00 and includes a free bag of popcorn! Proceeds go to benefit the High School Youth Group's trip to the Franciscan University of Steubenville this Summer!! Mark your calendars!

In Christ,
Liz Gengle

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Peace and Justice Council

The Art of Fasting preparing to practice

By Thomas Ryan, CSP

Fast from Anger, Resentment, Bitterness

- * Get to the bottom of why you're angry or resentful: What's the hidden demand underneath?
- * Do the hard work of talking it through with the other, of expressing clearly what it is you are asking for.
- * Pray for the grace of forgiving those who have hurt you.



Fast from Judging Others

- * Unhook from conversations in which others are being disparaged, or contribute something positive to balance the negative things that are being said.
- * Before making any judgments, recall how God looks compassionately on our faults.

ST. ANDREW'S TASK FORCE

Young men are invited to join St. Andrew's Task Force. Created to encourage those interested in pursuing a deeper understanding of their faith, who are committed to serving others in response to God's love and discovering what God is calling them to be as they grow older, the diocesan organization is open to boys age 10-18. Several outings and meetings are scheduled each year. For more information, contact your parish leader or call the diocesan Vocations Office at 989.732.5147.

ATTENTION PRE-SCHOOLER PARENTS:

St. Francis Xavier Catholic School is now enrolling Kindergarten students for the 2007-2008 school year. We offer a high quality, academic program that supports Christian family values. Children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2007 to enroll. Enrollment Open House will be at the school on Tuesday, March 20 from 6-7 p.m. All are welcome! For further information, contact Sandra Beer at the school (347-3651 ext 22).

LENTEN RETREAT OFFERED

The Center for Catholic Studies in collaboration with the Diocese of Gaylord will present an overnight retreat centered on boosting your spirituality this Lent. This retreat will be from 7 PM on March 23 through 7 PM on March 24 at the Augustine Center in Conway, Michigan. The cost of \$75 includes meals, lodging and all books to be used. To register for this or any of the programs offered by the Center for Catholic Studies, contact Tammy Boylan at 989.732.5147 or email ccs@dioceseofgaylord.org. Class or retreat enrollment can also be made online at www.dioceseofgaylord.org, Simply go to "Calendar" and select "Registration Form."

Br. Dan's Food Pantry Update

"Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow men throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy." ~Mother Teresa

Each day at the pantry, we thank God for the ability to serve Him with our hands and hearts - His people in need. It is also true that each of you who support the pantry is doing the same. Whether your support is through a donation of food or money, manpower or prayer, your "understanding love gives peace and joy." During the last two weeks we had 117 family visits which reflect 361 people. 8 of those visits were from families using our pantry for the first time.

Thank you to everyone who shared with us during March's Pantry Sunday weekend. We received a couple of grocery carts of food and \$1,407.50 from St. Francis Solanus, the Sacramentines and all 3 Masses at St. Francis Xavier.

As you have read in past articles, we keep trying to have our next pie sale. Our "crusty" pie lady is so excited about making more pies, that she can't seem to make up her mind on when she wants to bake. "Rumor" has it that she will finally bake pies for you on April 21 & 22. Who knows what she has up her sleeve this time!!

Thank you to everyone who has come out and enjoyed our fish dinner. If you haven't joined us yet, you still have time - we still have two more weeks. By letting us serve you dinner, you are helping to put food on the table of someone in need.

Thank you and God bless you!

For all we do, we do in His name.

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF March 18-24

Sun: "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."

Do I remember from the reading or the homily?
What is one theme of each reading? What is my reaction or response to each reading?

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

- 8am Intention:** *D. Mary Metro*
10am Intention: *D. Joseph & Ann Schneider*
12:00 Bay Shore: *Sandra Mettler*
8:00am Mon: 2Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a 1; Rom 4-13, 16-18, 22; Gospel Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Intention: *D. Andrew, Irene & Dale Daniel*
5:30pm Tues: Ez 47:1-9; Gospel Jn 5:1-16
Intention: *D. Patricia Steffel*
8am Wed: Is 49:8-15; Gospel Jn 5:17-30
Intention:
8:30am Thurs: Ex 32:7-14; Gospel Jn 5:31-47
Intention:
8am Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Gospel Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Intention: *D. Carla & Lorenzo Borlemghi*
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Gospel Jn 7:40-53
5 pm Intention: *D. Joseph Kline*

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, March 24/25, 2007

- 5:00 pm** Jim Wolf
8:00 am Kolleen Homuth & Norm Bennett
10:00 am Julie Gudmunsen & Mike LaVictoire

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 24/25, 2007

- 5:00 pm** Bill & BJ Steffens, Janeet Pflerhaar, Joanie Vargo, Jennifer Muller, Michelle Moose
8:00 am Frank & Julie Holzschu, Carla Kanine, Ed Collins, Alvaro Artaza, Mary Putters, Maureen McCarthy
10:00 am Lisa Rasmussen, Suzanne Holguin, Emjily Daniel, Bud & mary Riley, Jim Holtz

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 24/25, 2007

- 5:00 pm** Mike & Joanie Vargo & family, George & Chris Mayer, Carl Powers & family
8:00 am Ed & Peg Collins, Shari Hoek, Ann Burek, Terry Bennett, Bil & Carla Kanine
10:00 am Jeff & Shawn Haven, Aaron & Rachel Brooks & family, Mary DeAgostino, Annette Fettig, Kevin Whitmore

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 24/25, 2007

- 5:00 pm** Tommy Kidd, Kelly Hoffman, Mary Louise Mooradian
8:00 am Keith & Craig Schoenith, Luke Tillotson
10:00 am Victoria Visconti, Payton Diss, Isabel Ceniza

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes	\$240.00
Loose	<u>\$260.00</u>
	\$500.00

Liturgical Ministers - March 25, 2007

Minister of the Word:	Sandi Meyer
Eucharistic Minister:	Gus Sonnenberg
Server:	Joey Syupniewski
Usher:	Dave Meyer
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

Jesus came to forgive. We all stumble and fall. Are you able to forgive as Jesus did?

 PRAYER REQUESTS	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, Catherine Donnelly All shut-ins and those in care facilities
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Persons of Ministry

Cemetery	Don Paulus	347-2976
Prayer Chain	Margaret Pennell	347-4753
	Bea Wolf	347-2711
Resect Life Committee	Mike LaVictoire	526-1302
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	347-7423

Sponsor of the Week
Fast Eddie's