

A Message From Fr. Denny

I have hired Simoni Sound Systems to evaluate the sound system in our church. They did a rather impressive and scientific study. The results are in and there is good news. They have the technology to greatly improve the quality of our sound. They are able to eliminate the dead spots in the church. They said that the pillars in the church are part of the problem with our present speakers. They are in the way of the sound waves, thus, there are dead spots.

Now here is the difficult part. Making the change over is expensive. That should come as no surprise. The cost will be approximately 45,000 dollars. We do not have the money for this. We can probably come up with part of it, I don't know yet. We are still working on our budget for the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2009. The complaints about the sound quality of our present system have been coming in on a regular basis for the past seven years. Some folks have simply given up. Some have even gone to other churches where the sound is better. This is true especially for those who have some hearing impairment.

So here is the deal. To get this sound system put in I need some of you to step forward with donations. I am a little reluctant to say this because some folks are getting fed up with my always asking for money. I am sorry that everything is so expensive, and that there are always needs. But what can I do? All of the money we get is voluntarily given. I can't make a move on anything without your financial support. If you think that our present sound system is good enough and that it will have to do, then so be it. Just know that I am trying to respond to the need that has been identified. I can do no more.



John Paul II Dinner/Theater



Advanced Tickets On Sale Now!!!

Contact the parish office for ticket information

**Needed: Production Sponsors @\$25 each
Please contact fund raising chairperson, Cheryl Hooley
at 439-5313**



**Stewardship
March 14/15, 2009**

Children's	\$ 94.12	<u>Special Funds</u>	
Envelopes	\$11,505.00	Debt Reduction	\$3,835.00
Loose	<u>\$ 1,247.90</u>	" Weekly Budget	\$4,375.00
<u>Total</u>	\$12,847.02	Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 40.00
Weekly Offertory Budget	\$16,665.65	Cemetery	\$ 130.00
Weekly Offertory Budget Over/(Under)	(\$3,818.63)	Endowment Fund	\$ 30.00
(Fiscal Year 7/1/08-6/30/09)		Average Weekly Expenses including Parish Subsidy of school	\$23,550.00
YTD Weekly Offertory Actual	\$563,762.43	Envelopes Issued	632
YTD Weekly Offertory Budget	\$583,309.55	Envelopes Returned	329 (52%)
YTD Offertory Budget Over/(Under)	(\$19,547.12)	Average Gift	\$34.97

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

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

Thank you

Many thanks to Fr. Rubén, Marti Krusell, & Mary Willson and the choir for the beautiful Mass. Thank you also for the wonderful luncheon provided. Your caring service made everything easier for us to bear.

The family of Leon Fetting



Holy Hour For Life

Sponsored by the "Respect Life Committee"

Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 pm

"Feast of the Annunciation"

We will have the Rosary of the Unborn followed by Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion with the Litany of Our Lady. We will end the evening with Benediction.

Please join us as we pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life from conception until natural death.

"Focus on Life Dinner"

Anyone interested in helping to plan the 2nd Annual "Focus on Life Dinner" sponsored by RTL of Char-Em and scheduled for Thursday, May 14th?

We will have our first planning committee meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm in the parish rectory. We need many volunteers to help make this year's dinner a success.

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2009

High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, March 22 from 6-8pm for our regular scheduled Sunday Night Meeting. Our topic for this Sunday is "Trusting God". Don't miss it!

Pizza & Apologetics meets every Tuesday after the 5:30pm Mass in the John Paul II Youth Center for pizza and faith education and discussion. We are beginning Scott Hahn's series "Reasons to Believe".

Ready for an amazing conference this summer? Steubenville High School Youth Conference Registration is going on now! Contact Liz Gengle at jp2youth@gmail.com to save your spot! The trip is the weekend of June 12-14, 2009. Spaces are limited.

God Bless,
Liz Gengle

Adorers Needed

We are in need of adorers in our Adoration Chapel. There are several hours with only one person scheduled:



Monday	1:00, 5:00, 8:00 & 9:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 & 4:00 pm
Friday	8:00am, 11:00am, 4:00 & 6:00 pm

Several hours are covered by husband/wife teams. Additional adorers would be wonderful for those times too.

We know many of you visit the chapel frequently, but you're not on the schedule. Please pray about it, and consider making a commitment to spend time with Jesus.

If there are 2 or more adorers each hour, we can be sure He will never be alone. It also allows more flexibility for those occasions when you can't be there.

Please call Shelly (439-9211) if you would like to be added to the schedule or would like to be included in our list of substitutes.

Vacation Bible School

Because no one has volunteered to organize Vacation Bible School, we will not be able to have it this year. Time is fleeing and materials need to be ordered. Preparation time is the key to success. Perhaps there will be someone to volunteer next year.



Thank You

Sacrament Prep Retreat

Thank you to all who prayed for the families involved in the Sacrament Prep retreat last Saturday. The Holy Spirit was working overtime as the families participated in a variety of activities and discussions. Thank you, again.

Sr. Kathy

Websites

To read about Lent, ordinary time, Church seasons and feasts, plus Website ratings, news, activities and crafts, click on www.catholicculture.org.

Know a great site we should feature?

E-mail doublestein@gmail.com.



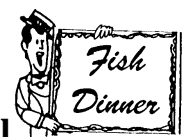
Peace & Justice

Mississippi Pilgrimage - Later this week 20 of our fellow parishioners will head south to the Gulf Coast to help with the ongoing hurricane recovery efforts. Please keep them in your prayers. In addition to helping build houses, clean parks, and repair church buildings, they will be bringing the love of Christ to our neighbors in need, and they will be learning from those neighbors valuable lessons about life priorities, gratitude, and community.

Lenton Gatherings - The Peace & Justice Council will be meeting informally at the soup dinners following the Tuesday night Masses during Lent. Please feel free to pull up a chair and discuss the many and varied ways our Parish is serving the needs of our community.

Congratulations and Thank You - If you haven't heard, an impressive thing happened at the School's Dinner/Auction three weeks back. Merle and Lisa Rust's son Drew was picked as the winner of the big \$20,000 prize, and with admirable community spirit, and an obvious sense of peace in their lives, they graciously refused the money and gave it back to the School. As we pursue an attitude of thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives, salivating for more this and more that, hoping for the big jackpot, should become a rather foreign concept. Thank you Rust's for the financial gift, but more importantly, for providing a great example.

Br. Dan's Pantry Fish Dinners



St. Francis Parish Hall

Delicious & Homemade - All you can eat! Fridays of Lent

5 & under free 6-12 \$4 Teens & Adults \$8



Serving 4:30 - 7:00 pm

Baked or fried fish, redskin potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, mac & cheese, rolls, dessert and beverage

carryout dinners available

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF March 23-29

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Gospel Jn 4:43-54
5:30pm Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Gospel Jn 5:1-16
Intention: D. Gerry Valade
8:30am Wed: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Gospel Lk 1:26-38
Intention: Judith Conti - birthday
8am Thurs: Ex 32:7-14; Gospel Jn 5:31-47
Intention: D. Ellen Flynn
8am Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Gospel Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Intention: D. Tom Steffel
5 pm Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Gospel Jn 7:40-53
Intention: D. Robert & Martha Fate
Sun: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Gospel Jn 12:20-33
8am Intention: D. Dick & Bill Tousain
10am Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish
12noon Bay Shore: D. Mary Coughlin

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, March 28/29, 2009

5:00 pm Tom Nagurka
8:00 am John Parker & Norm Bennett
10:00 am Julie Gudmunsen & Dick Ruemenapp

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 28/29, 2009

5:00 pm Brian & Teresa George, Stan & Margaret Borowski, Linda Mattson, Michelle Moose
8:00 am Carol Schwartzfisher, Denn Nason, Roger & Joyce Clark, Sylvia Studzinski, Vickie Vance, Carla Kanine
10:00 am Erwin & Cathy Doublestein, Lizette Bondy, Maureen McCarthy, Lee Phillips, Vanessa Ceniza

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 28/29, 2009

5:00 pm Doug & Mary Ann Caldwell & Colin, Frank & Carol Ronan, Ellen Byerlein, Mary Jane Phelan
8:00 am Roger & Joyce Clark, Chuck & Bonnie Farrugia, Gayle Schantz
10:00 am Ann Burek, Lisa Rust & Drew, Mary Jo Clark Barb Spencer

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, March 28/29, 2009

5:00 pm Kelly Hoffman, Nico Mingrone, Katie Lepird
8:00 am 3 Thompson's
10:00 am Isabelle & Nico Ceniza, Doug Daniel

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$210.00
 Loose \$459.00
 \$669.00

Liturgical Ministers - March 29, 2009

Minister of the Word: Bill Blackburn
 Eucharistic Minister: ---
 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

Jesus told Nicodemus that when we find our calling in life, we are reborn. We really become a new person, fired with a new love, aimed in a new direction with purpose and love. Listen to Jesus' voice. Let Jesus challenge you.

 PRAYER REQUESTS	Carol Reed, Samuel Theodore Kolinski, Kerri Malloy, Carolyn Rostar, Larry Shear, Pvt. Ryan Craig, Mike Dainoviec, Jessica Kohlligian, 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, Brian Kuebler, Laura Ilenich, Gregg Hosler, Carol Beer, Carol Lamberti, Jean Salisz, L. R. Ballard, Loretta Daniels, Casey Craig, Anthony Kruzal, Alice Kalchik, Amy Wilson, Molly Walenta, Jan Healey, Joann Breithaupt, Linda Waterman, James Wade, Mary Ellen Pulaski, Joe Lentz, Chris Mayer 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
RespectLife Committee	Mike LaVictoire	373-4031
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

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

*Sponsor of the Week
 MacGregor*