

**A Message From Fr. Denny**

We are going to need a lot of cooperation from our various liturgical ministers for Holy Week and Easter. Spring Break falls during Holy Week this year. This means that a lot of folks take off for vacation. We always have a very difficult time filling the necessary slots for lectors, eucharistic ministers, ushers, greeters, and mass servers. So please be very conscious of our need for those of you who will not be going on Spring Break this year.

Incidentally, being on Spring Break does not in any way excuse folks from keeping Holy Week holy. It is expected that where ever possible you participate in Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Masses. No one is excused from the Good Friday fast and abstinence, even if you are traveling.

Please note below the schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Communal Penance Service will be repeated three times for your convenience. There should be little excuse for folks not receiving this Sacrament.

<b><u>Parish Communal Penace Services</u></b>	
<b>Tuesday, March 27</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 28</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>
<b>Thursday, March 29</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>

**HOLY WEEK Schedule**

<b>Tuesday, April 3</b>	<b>Chrism Mass in Gaylord at 11 am</b>
<b>Holy Thursday, April 5</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Good Friday, April 6</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>Easter Vigil, April 7</b>	<b>8:30 pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday, April 8</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10 am</b> <b>12:00 at Bay Shore</b>

**Guatemala Mission Trip**

Please pray for parishioners Dr. Howie Beck, his wife Dr. Peggy Brazones, their son Joe Beck and Chad Homuth (son of Mark and Kolleen) who will be representing the St. Francis faith community while on a mission trip to Guatemala March 28 - April 6, 2007. They will be part of a 19 member team from People For Missions, an interdenominational Christian organization whose primary ministry is remote mountain village evangelism, church building, care of orphans and medical and dental outreach. Please pray for the safety, health and spiritual growth of the entire team and all those they come in contact with. Gracias-Gloria a Dios

**STEWARDSHIP**

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

<b>Kids Coins For Kids</b>	<b>\$ 62.76</b>
<b>Cemetery Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 3,934.00</b>
<b>Tuition Angel Fund</b>	<b>\$ 45.00</b>
<b>Endowment</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Altar Flowers for Easter</b>	<b>\$ 1,029.00</b>
<b>Envelopes (348)</b>	
<b>\$11,714.00</b>	
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 853.12</b>
<b>Total Collection Last Week</b>	<b>\$17,782.89</b>

**"What return shall I make to the Lord for**  
In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else to rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

**Peace and Justice Council**

**The Art of Fasting preparing to practice**

**By Thomas Ryan, CSP**



**Fast from Complaining**

- \* When you're feeling inclined to complain, stop and look at all you are blessed with and give thanks instead.

**Fast from the Presence of Your children**

- \* When you feel their absence, find some meaning in the emptiness and the silence.
- \* Choose life for them by supporting them graciously as they strike out to make their own marks in the world.
- \* Choose life for yourself by turning to and embracing new possibilities for living, growing, and loving.

**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 at 347-4133.

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**High School Youth Group**

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, March 25 from 6-8 pm for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Joe Graff and Fr. Tony Cureton. Receive the mercy of Christ through this amazing Sacrament!

Pizza and Apologetics meets this Tuesday, March 27 after the 5:30 pm Mass in the John Paul II Youth Center.

Spring Fund-raising Dates for Your Calendar:

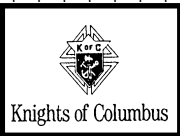
All are invited to High School Youth Group's "Italian Dinner" on Saturday, April 14th from 6-8 pm in the Parish Hall and our Pope John Paul II movie on Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th. Tickets for the movie night can be purchased at the parish office. Free bag of popcorn along with the purchase of your \$5.00 ticket! Plan on joining us for these two great events!



In Christ,  
Liz Gengle



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You may have read the "flier in the Bulletin" but **DID YOU KNOW** that, among their many projects the Knight of Columbus supports a Multi-Million Dollar Scholarship for members and/or their children pursuing higher education programs? Seminarians are also eligible. Moreover, they also support the spiritual welfare of Armed Forces Personnel and their families around the globe through a \$100,000 fund for use by the Archdiocese of Military Services. Additionally, they have (and still) support a substantially funded program assisting churches, schools and parishes victimized by Hurricane Katrina in the three southern States ravaged by the storm. Other catastrophic emergencies have also been similarly addressed. The K of C Insurance Program has been (and still is) noted as the better of all companies providing assets and dependable benefits/services to its registered clients. To avail yourself to these and many other family benefits that might fit your need, all that needs to be done is to familiarize yourself with the benefits and privileges earned through membership in the Knights of Columbus. Men of the Family, a Membership Drive to avail yourself of these benefits is at your "beck and call". Ask a qualified representative of the Knights of Columbus about these benefits. If he can't answer your question, he can (perhaps) point you in the right direction. He might ask you to join; but, you have to ask him **YOUR Question!!** He will be in the gathering space next weekend to accept your call. **CHECK HIM OUT!**

**LIFE MATTERS**

A child laughs four hundred times a day, an adult twenty-five. -- Steven Quartz and Terrence Sejnowski, What the New Brain Science Reveals About How We Become Who We Are

**Safe Harbor Family Support Group**

The Safe Harbor Family Support Group will resume their twice monthly meeting in the parish rectory on April 2nd and 16th from 7 - 9 pm. This group is intended for families of adolescents and young adults with a drug dependency. They meet on the first and third Monday night of each month.

**Adoration Chapel**

As of 4/2 we will have no one scheduled to do the adoration hour on Mondays from 5 to 6 p.m. Please let Teresa Tillotson (347-1584) know if you could take this hour to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you.

**Married Couples!**

Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Enhance your good marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!

The next weekend is April 27-29 at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac. Registration is limited. For more information or to register, call 989-275-5427 or email [drew@voyager.net](mailto:drew@voyager.net) OR view a 20 minute video about the weekend at <http://www.wvme.org/new.html>

**The Friendship Center Chorus** is planning a hymn sing on Sunday, April 15, from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at the Petoskey senior center on Anderson Rd. Familiar, well-loved songs such as Amazing Grace and The Old Rugged Cross will be featured. The singing will be led by mezzo-soprano Joanne Snedden. All are welcome.

**Don't Forget  
Pantry Sunday  
Next Weekend  
March 31/April 1**

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

Jesus sent a strong message when he prevented the stoning of the woman. It is wrong to correct another by verbally attacking and hurling insults. A family must not be an arena of violence, but a refuge where we find love, acceptance, forgiveness and respect.

The LORD has done  
**GREAT THINGS** for us:  
we are filled with **JOY.**

**SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF March 25-31**

**Sun:** "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone"

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: Isaiah 43:16-21  
Second Reading: Phillipians 3:8-14  
Gospel: John 8:1-11

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

**8am Intention:** *Chester & Sylvia Studzinski*

**10am Intention:** *Ed & Peggy Collins*

**12:00 Bay Shore:** Susan Allen

**Mon:** Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Gospel Lk 1:26-38

**Intention:** *The Kidd family*

**5:30pm Tues:** Nm 21:4-9; Gospel Jn 8:21-20

**Intention:** *D. Joan Green*

**8am Wed:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Gospel Jn 8:31-42

**Intention:** *D. Mary DeLuca*

**8:30am Thurs:** Gn 17:3-9; Gospel Jn 8:51-59

**Intention:**

**8am Fri:** Jer 20:1-13; Gospel Jn 10:31-42

**Intention:** *D. Frank M. Lemanski*

**Sat:** Ez 37:21-28; Gospel Jn 11:45-56

**5 pm Intention:** *D. Earl Kalchik*

**LECTORS**

**Saturday & Sunday, March 31/April 1, 2007**

**5:00 pm** Pat Hoffman

**8:00 am** Mary Lee & Bill Huber

**10:00 am** Jody VanSlembrouck & Brian Brachel

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, March 31/April 1, 2007**

**5:00 pm** Margaret & Stan Borowski, Audrey Mania, Brian & Teresa George, Austin & Virginia Cole

**8:00 am** Ann & Larry Hendricks, Gene & Gina Klco, Gietzen, Carol Schwartzfisher, Denn Nason

**10:00 am** Sue Fifer, Marsey Shuman, Margene Fennell, Mary Tonge, Gary Toporek, Lisa Doublestein

**GREETERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, March 31/April 1, 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 31/April 1, 2007**

**5:00 pm** Adam & Erik Hosler, Brian Gammon

**8:00 am** Connor Reed, 2 Thompson's

**10:00 am** Alexis Donovan, Gabbi VandenBrink, Shea Whitmore

**St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore**

Envelopes \$380.00  
Loose \$103.55  
\$483.55

**Liturgical Ministers - April 1, 2007**

Minister of the Word: Dave Meyer  
Eucharistic Minister: Sandi Meyer  
Server: Michael Sypniewski  
Usher: Gus Sonnenberg  
Offering: Sarah & Bill Blackburn

*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**

Lent is six weeks of being serious about forgiveness and knowing we are loved. Who will step forward to tell of God's great love for us?

 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, 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***

***Charles G. Parks Funeral Home***