



PALM SUNDAY

A Message From Fr. Denny

Well, I have missed you. I have been away the past two weekends. The first weekend I was at Camp Daggett as Spiritual Director for the TEC Retreat. The second weekend I took all of the masses in Roger City. Things are kind of tight priest wise. When one gets sick it is difficult finding coverage for him. Continue to pray for priestly vocations, but also talk about it to our boys and young men.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS will take place an hour later this year on Holy Saturday. If you would like to participate in this tradition bring your basket of Easter Food to the church by 10:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday. This will be followed by a rehearsal for the Easter Vigil for those who will be coming into the church and for Mass servers.

Don't miss our Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. Please remember that following the Mass there will be a vigil in the Adoration Chapel until 12 midnight.

Regarding last year's Palm Branches. The appropriate ways to dispose of them is to burn or bury them. Don't throw them in the trash.

A reminder that everyone is invited every year to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral. It will be at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday of Holy Week. At this Mass the priests present will renew their priestly vows, and the Holy Oils will be blessed. Representatives from the various parishes will carry the oils back to their respective churches to be used for the year's sacraments. If you have never been to a Chrism Mass I strongly recommend that you experience it.

My thanks to all who have volunteered for the Holy Week services. Also, I have noticed that the Sunday Offertory Collection have gone up nicely, allowing us to make our monthly debt payments. Thank you and keep up the good work.

As you know, the Diocese of Gaylord begins its annual Catholic Services Appeal at the end of April and early May. Please be sure to pay off last year's pledge if you haven't already, and be ready for a pledge for fiscal year 2007-08. We are all part of the bigger Church and it has to be supported just as the local churches do.

STEWARDSHIP




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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 52.22
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 371.75
Building Fund	\$ 4,379.75
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 111.75
Endowment	\$ 108.75
Easter Flowers	\$ 413.00
Envelopes (357)	\$11,402.00
Loose	\$ 1,038.47
Total Collection Last Week	\$17,880.19

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

In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday, April 3	Chrism Mass in Gaylord at 11 am	
Holy Thursday, April 5	7:00 pm	
Good Friday, April 6	1:00 pm	
Easter Saturday, April 7		
Blessing of Easter Food	10:00 am	
Easter Vigil, April 7	8:30 pm	
Easter Sunday, April 8	8 & 10 am	
	12:00 at Bay Shore	

All are invited to attend the St. Francis Xavier/Holy Childhood High School Youth Group

Italian Dinner

Saturday, April 14
6:00 - 7:30 pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall



Our Menu Includes:
Lasagna w/meat sauce
Vegetable Lasagna
Tossed Garden salad
Buttery Garlic Bread
Rich Chocolate Brownies
Lemonade!

Cost: \$8 for Adults/ \$5 for 6-12/ \$20 for Family/
5 & under Free!

To benefit the High School Youth Group's Summer Faith Journeys

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 1, 2007

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, April 1 from 6-8pm for Ultimate Frisbee and a Movie Night. We will be watching "A Meditation on the Passion of Christ" by Radix. We will gather in the John Paul II Youth Center, located in the lower level of St. Francis School off of Howard St. at 6:00 pm!

Pizza & Apologetics will meet this Tuesday, April 3 after the 5:30 pm Mass in the John Paul II Youth Center.

All members of our High School Youth Group are invited to an Open House Celebration in honor of Rebecca Hughes to celebrate her reception into the Catholic Church, on Easter Sunday, April 8 from 11:00 am - 1:20 pm. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Lizette Bondy at 347-6871 by Wednesday, April 3, 2007.

There will be no High School Youth Group meeting in the evening on Easter Sunday, April 8.

Preparation for our Italian Dinner will be held on Friday, April 13 at 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Teen help needed!

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Divine Mercy Sunday

We will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday here at St. Francis on Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 pm.

The Novena to the Divine Mercy should start on Good Friday. Copies of the Novena will be placed in church before Good Friday.

Vacation Bible School

It's time to start planning this summer's Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Assorted Saints and the Virtues of Faith, Hope and Love". VBS will take place mornings, June 25-29th. We are looking for several volunteers to fill various roles during this week. Parents, grandparents, high-schoolers and middle-schoolers are all invited to help make this year's VBS a wonderful event. This is a great opportunity to become involved with the children of our parish, teaching them our Catholic faith, and having fun! Interested volunteers, please call Deborah Gagnon at 347-3748. Thank you!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

At each Mass the words, "This is my body which is given for you" challenge married couples to renew their vows of selfless giving (our body and blood) for each other. The generosity of Christ at the Last Supper continues today when couples daily lay down their lives for one another.

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

Fast from Glossing Over Your Losses Too Quickly

- * Allow yourself to feel the emptiness, the ache, and the absence.
- * Take the time to do the inner work of grieving.
- * Resist the quick but superficial emotional fix, the easy fill-in.
- * Risk listening in the silence to the soft voice of inner wisdom.

Fast from the Intimacy of a Spouse or Friend during a Temporary Absence

- * Leave the heart space vacant and let your longing turn toward God.
- * Refresh your realization in the time of absence that relationship is life's blue-ribbon experience, that of this "food" we are meant to eat, and that without it we die.
- * Let your desire for the presence of the other teach you that we were made for communion and "our hearts are restless, Lord, until they rest in Thee."



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 15
9:00 - 11:30 am
SFX Parish Hall



Sponsored by the SFX 7th & 8th grade classes along with the Knights of Columbus

Funds received will benefit the 7/8th grade mission trip.

LIFE MATTERS

As one created in the image of God, each individual human being has the dignity of a person; he/she is not just something, but someone, capable of self-knowledge, self-possession, free self-giving and entering into communion with others. At the same time, each person is called by grace, to a covenant with the Creator, called to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his place.— *Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace Message, Jan. 1, 2007*



SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF April 1-7

Sun: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

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 50:4-7
 Second Reading: Phillippians 2:6-11
 Gospel: Luke 22:14--23:56

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

8am Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish
10am Intention: Lorraine Colwell & family
12:30pm Bay Shore: D. Paul & Nellie Wiklanski family

Mon: Is 42:1-7; Gospel Jn 12:1-11
Intention: Sr.'s James Ellen & Ann Patrick

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

8am Wed: Is 50:4-9a; Gospel Mt 26:14-25
Intention: D. Marion Sawicki

7:00pm Thurs: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Cor 11:23-26; Gospel Jn 13:1-15
Intention: D. Fred Burrows

1:00 pm Fri: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Gospel Jn 18:1-19, 42

Sat: Gn 1:1-2:2; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11; Epistle Rom 6:3-11; Gospel Lk 24:1-12

8:30 pm Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, April 7/8, 2007

8:30 pm Norm Bennett, John Parker, Jody VanSlembrouck, & Dick Ruemenapp

8:00 am Bill Kanine & Kim Philliben

10:00 am Rachel Brooks & Dave Schneider

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, April 7/8, 2007

8:30 pm Gietzen, Audrey Mania, Joyce & Roger Clark, Sally Parish, Cole

8:00 am Mary Lee & Bill Huber, Vickie Vance, Joyce & Roger Clark, Rob & Kim Kronberg

10:00 am Emily Daniel, Lisa Rasmussen, Suzanne Holguin, Lee Phillips, Gunner Deery, John Zimmerman

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, April 8, 2007

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, April 8, 2007

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

10:00 am Jonah & Christian Chickering, Drew Rust

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$360.00
 Loose \$380.76
 \$740.76

Liturgical Ministers - April 8, 2007

Minister of the Word: Mae Charbeneau
 Eucharistic Minister: Dave Meyer
 Server: Tim Sysko
 Usher: John Wiklanski
 Offering: Auderey & Clint Etienne

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

When Jesus comes into your life, wave your arms in jubilation.
 Show your joy, your happiness; your dream is fulfilled.



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 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

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
Contractors Supply