

Knights of Columbus

As we review the Knights of Columbus Rosters we note that over 65% of our members are over 70 years of age. Several of those members are considered "senior and/or honorary members" and are now unable to participate in activities in full support of ongoing Knights of Columbus Christian service projects. Their past activity in support of church and community objectives has been exceptional. We thank them for their dedicated service. They have worked hard (some still do) to bring success to the practice of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy within our parish and community. Today, due to the foregoing, and "other factors", continuance of this practice is in jeopardy. In short, WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18-50 YEARS (WITH NEW IDEAS) TO BOLSTER OUR COUNCIL'S WORK AND THUS CONTINUE THE SUPPORT OF A CAUSE (IDEAL) ESTABLISHED OVER 125 YEARS AGO BY THE VENERABLE REVEREND FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY. Today, his Christ-like foresight has spurred over 7.5 million men to join that cause. Paraphrasing a familiar statement - THE COUNCIL (CHURCH) NEEDS YOU. Why not consider joining the Knights of Columbus? See, Ask, and/or "buttonhole" any man to join with you in making our community whole as God intended it to be. Call 231-347-9599 for more information about the Knights of Columbus.

Coming Events

Tickets are now for sale for our **JOHN PAUL II FESTIVAL and DINNER THEATER** on Saturday, April 26th from 6-9 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$25 a person and include a family-style chicken dinner, an excellent theatrical performance by members of our High School Youth Group, and a silent auction. Tickets are available at St. Francis Xavier and Holy Childhood Parish Offices. Contact Liz Gengle for group purchases at 347-4133, ext. 27.

I am the gate of the sheepfold.



STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 74.04
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 102.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,745.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 158.00
Endowment	\$ 22.00
Envelopes (324)	\$12,775.50
Loose	\$ 1,084.50
Total Collection Last Week	\$15,961.04

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

Jesus says "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

Celebration of Confirmation & First Eucharist

Next Sunday, April 20 during the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy, there will be a celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist for the candidates and their families who have been in preparation this year. Our parish, as catechist, is welcome to celebrate this sacrament with the candidates and their families. As you know, the Sacrament of Confirmation confirms the Baptism of the faithful. Both those candidates being confirmed and those celebrating First Eucharist at this Liturgy will enter into full membership in the life and mission of the Church.

Those of you who have been praying for these candidates might want to send a note of congratulations and support. A reception will follow the Liturgy. Thank you to everyone who has had a part in this process.



Word has been received that Sr. Giovanni Rief, School Counselor at SFX from 1986-1991 passed away on March 28th. May she rest in peace.

"Recollections with Father Lorenzo Gomez, LC"

Reflect on your Catholic faith with spiritually formative talks given by Father Lorenzo Gomez, LC at St. Francis Xavier Parish Rectory. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow the talks.

Evening of Recollection for Men: Tuesday, April 22 at 7 pm
Morning of Recollection for Women: Wednesday, April 23 following 8 am Mass---Babysitting and Refreshments provided
For information please call Gloria Findling (231)487-9289
E-mail: gmfindling@aol.com

Annual Spring
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sponsored by
SFX Boy Scout Troop 7



St. Francis Parish Hall
Sunday, April 27, 2008
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Single	Couple	Family
\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Children under 6 FREE		



Ease tax day stress by letting someone else do the cooking! Order your pizza from Spicy Bob's on April 15th and they will donate \$1 to the SFS Indian Mission Restoration Fund!

Brother Dan's Food Pantry Update

"We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace. Go make a difference in the world."
~Steve Angrisano & Tom Tomaszek~

Whether someone walks through our doors for the first time or tenth time, people that receive food from the pantry are truly grateful. We hear their words of appreciation each week. Please know that each dollar that you put into the basket, each piece of grocery that you bring in or every minute that you donate to help others in need is God's love shining through. Thankyou for all that you do! You are making a difference in our world.

Thank you to everyone who shared with the pantry this month during April's Pantry Sunday. We received a grocery cart full of food and \$1,278.55 from the parishioners of St. Francis Solanus, the Sacramentines and all 3 Masses at St. Francis Xavier.

For Easter, during our two week cycle we served 150 different families which reflects 445 people. Everyone enjoyed their normal 3 days of 3 balanced meals along with their Easter dinner fixings. Over the last two weeks we served 135 different families which reflects 400 people. 12 of those families came to use us for the first time which brings our base count of families to 1,704 ever served. It continues to be a blessing to be able to serve so many different families in our community. Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Lenten Fish Fry's. We will share our totals as soon as they are done, but it looks like we had another great year!

Last week we received a FEMA grant for \$6,689.46. This will help us to put food on our clients tables for almost 2 months. A special thank you goes out to Roger Martin and Donna Wiklanski for chairing a booth for the pantry at Petoskey's Home Builder's show. It was a great way to get our name out into the public.

We are looking for new smiling faces to help at the pantry. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours or maybe would just like a tour, give us a call. (347-7423)

Thank you and God bless you!
For all we do, we do in His name.

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Groups Schedule for the Final John Paul II Festival Preparations include:

Sunday, April 13: 5-8 pm - Teens act full performance with props and costumes. All non-acting teens get to watch and cheer them on! Dinner provided.

Sunday, April 20: 3-5pm - Teen and parent volunteers meet to decorate at Knights of Columbus Hall and complete set-design.

5-8pm - Cast Rehearsal. Dinner Provided.
Knights of Columbus Hall.

Thursday, April 24: 6-9 pm - Cast Rehearsal. Knights of Columbus Hall.

Friday, April 25: 6-9pm - Cast Rehearsal. Knights of Columbus Hall

Saturday, April 26: JOHN PAUL II FESTIVAL!!!

High School Seniors interested in applying for the Bishop's Service Scholarship award may call Liz Gengle at St. Francis parish office for an application. The application must be received by April 14th.

Want to go to World Youth Day in Sydney? Sydney, Ohio that is! The Diocese of Gaylord is traveling to Ohio for a World Youth Day Celebration closer to home the weekend of July 18-20th. For more information call Liz Gengle at 347-4133.

Steubenville Youth Conference 2008 registrations are still going on! Sign-up for an incredible weekend with 200 teenagers the weekend of June 20-22nd, 2008 - current 8th graders may also sign-up! Spots are open for the Young Neighbors in Action program the week of July 6-12th, 2008. Take a week out of your summer for an excellent hands-on service project in Detroit!

In His Peace,
Liz Gengle

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SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF April 14-20

8 am Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Gospel Jn 10:11-18
Intention: *D. JoAnn Zmikly*
Tues: Acts 11:19-26; Gospel Jn 10:22-30

Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Gospel Jn 12: 44-50

Thurs: Acts 13:13-25; Gospel Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Gospel Jn 14:1-6

5 pm Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Gospel Jn 14:7-14
Intention: *D. May Nessen*
Sun: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Gospel Jn 14:1-12
8am Intention: *Tom, Ron & Jim Steffel*
10am Intention: *D. George & Anna Bednarik*
12noon Bay Shore: *St. Francis Solanus Parish*

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, April 19/20, 2008

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, April 19/20, 2008

5:00 pm Sue Levitte, Brian & Teresa George, Audrey Mania, Michelle Moose, Linda Mattson
8:00 am Sulvia Studzinski, Joyce & Roger Clark, Ed Collins, Alvaro Artaza, Denn Nason, Carol Schwartzfisher
10:00 am Vanessa Ceniza, Sally Spring, Gertrude Marquardt, Sally Parish, John Zimmerman, Gunner Deery

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, April 19/20, 2008

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

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, April 19/20, 2008

5:00 pm Tommy Kidd, Kelly Hoffman, Lily Sloan
8:00 am Craig Schoenith, Austin Willson, Luke Tillotson
10:00 am Nic George, Ian Burke, Drew Rust

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$465.00
 Loose \$114.11
 \$579.11

Liturgical Ministers - April 20, 2008

Minister of the Word: Dave Meyer
 Eucharistic Minister: Gus Sonnenberg
 Server: Patrrick 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

This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Pray to the God of the harvest to send more laborers into the fields."

 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, Paul Lacusta, Tom Steffel, Andrew Francis, Martin & Carol Beer, Jeremy Yell, Carol Lamberti, Andy Mayer, Matthew Royce, Jean Salisz, Patrick Manyian, L. R. Ballard, Susan Fineout
	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
RespectLife 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
Edward Jones