

A Message From Fr. Denny

The recent Priests' Retreat at the Augustine Center in Conway was attended by about 30 priests. A Jesuit Priest who had spent a life time of missionary work in India and Tibet was our retreat director. We all appreciated the insights of Eastern Spirituality, (Budaism and Hinduism), and how Fr. Lou tied it in with Christianity. It was an excellent retreat.

The Diocese of Gaylord honored parish office personnel by having a special day of retreat and a lunch at the Augustine Center last Tuesday. Our parish staff does an excellent job. Everyone of them is committed to their jobs and see them as a ministry of service to all of you. You might want to thank them from time to time when you see them. I know that I couldn't manage at all without them and the expertise that they bring to us.

By the way, I was deeply moved by the approximately 200 folks who came to our Divine Mercy Holy Hour on the Second Sunday of Easter. I have to admit that I was quite tired after having had all of the Masses that weekend and was not excited about doing one more service. But the outpouring faith energized me so that I was very grateful to have been there to preside. I find that I am always energized by the expressions of faith and community commitment that I see in you. We are on the journey of faith together in this world and we need each other. So God bless all of you for what your faith gives to me.

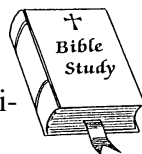
May is the month of devotion of Mary, the Mother of Jesus the Son of God. Please make an extra effort to pray the rosary in the car, out for a walk, or come to church. You will receive graces whenever you pray.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is on April 29, 2007. Please pray that young men would open their hearts to the Lord's Service in our diocese. The average age of our priests is 67 years old. It is estimated that in 2010 the number of priests in our diocese will drop from 47-35. Thirty-five priests serving eighty-one parishes! With these trends most of our parishes will not have resident priests! Pray, not only on April 29th, but regularly that God will grace young people with the courage to respond to serving Him.

Monday Night Bible Study

This study, based on the next Sunday's readings, is held in the parish rectory at 6:00 pm. It is facilitated by Fr. Tony & Deacon Paul.



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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 150.83
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 25.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,995.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 55.00
Endowment	\$ 25.00
Envelopes (378)	\$12,089.85
Loose	\$ 1,588.68
Total Collection Last Week	\$16,929.36

"What return shall I make to the Lord for Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

Prayers for Clergy & Religious for May

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| 1-Pope Benedict XVI | 16-Fr. Artur Duchnowicz |
| 2-Fr. James Brucksch | 17-Fr. Phillip Dupuis |
| 3-Fr. Andrew Buvala, ofm | 18-Fr. Wayne Dziekan |
| 4-Fr. Patrick Cawley | 19-Deceased Priests |
| 5-Religious Sisters & Bros. | 20-Fr. Peter Eke |
| 6-Fr. Anthony Citro | 21-Fr. Gabriel Fox |
| 7-Fr. Michael Conner | 22-Fr. J. August Franczek |
| 8-Fr. Raymond Cotter | 23-Fr. Daniel Gallagher |
| 9-Fr. Anthony Cureton | 24-All Seminarians |
| 10-Bishop Patrick Cooney | 25-Fr. James Gardiner |
| 11-Fr. Walter Derylo | 26-Fr. Donald Geyman |
| 12-Fr. James Doherty | 27-Fr. Albin Gietzen |
| 13-Fr. Thomas Dominiak | 28-Fr. Joseph Graff |
| 14-Fr. Charles Donajkowski | 29-Fr. Paul Grala, SOLT |
| 15-All Deacons | 30-Fr. John Greene |
| | 31-Fr. David Greka |

Supplies & Decorations Needed!!

This summer's Vacation Bible School is all about Faith, Hope and Love. We are busy planning a great week for our kids, and are in need of the following items:

- Decorations with heart/love theme (Valentine's Day)
- Plastic/Paper Tablecloths with heart/love theme
- Plastic/silk/fabric roses
- Santa hats, adult size
- Adult "robes" (to be used as Saint and Friar costumes)
- Hula Hoops

These items will be returned to you after June 30th. Please label each item and bring to the Parish Office or call 347-3748 with any questions. Thank you for your help!

Holy Childhood of Jesus Parish Mission

LIVE THE MYSTERY

May 6 - 10 at 6:30 pm

5 Nights, 5 Topics 2 Dynamic Speakers

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2007

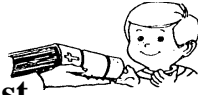
Faith Formation Registration

Registrations are being taken for Faith Formation sessions for the 2007/2008 academic year. This is for all children not attending St. Francis Xavier Catholic School. Forms for new registrations may be picked up in the Parish Office during office hours. Faith Formation is provided for Kindergarten through Grade 8 on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and will begin September 19.

Catechists Needed

We are in need of catechists for first grade and the middle school for next year. Training will begin in June. Please call Sr. Kathy to volunteer or for more information.

Why I am a Catechist



People are always curious about why I am a catechist in the Faith Formation Program here at St. Francis Xavier. My response is that it is a calling. It is a desire to give back to God and the church what has been given me. It is an opportunity to share my experiences with the youth of our parish. The children have taught me much about themselves through our discussions. Our deep discussions have shown me how much they love Jesus. They have also helped me to become a better person. In conclusion, I can say that sharing my catechetical gift with our youth has been a great joy and pleasure and I look forward to the years that follow. Anna Hofbauer (Grade 3 catechist)

CLI

Several of the HIGH SCHOOLERS who went to the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) last summer had this to say about their experience: "My leadership skills were developed along with the strengthening of my Catholic values and roles"... "I learned a lot of skills here that will help me to be a better leader as I deal with different personalities and different groups"... "I learned to surrender myself to God and he will lead me"... "It was the best week of my summer". Think about it. Pray about it. Do it! For more info call Liz at 347-4133 or Norm at 347-9055.

Married Couples

Learn how to better live out your sacrament of marriage, how to grow deeper in your faith, develop strong friendships and have fun all at the same time.

The organization Teams of Our Lady has been helping couples reach this goal for 67 years. We are currently trying to form some new Teams in the Petoskey/Harbor Springs area. If God is calling you to grow in your faith and marriage, consider checking this out. Please contact Norm and Kathy Bennett at 347-9055.

"Women of the Bible"

A Presentation of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Women of Roscommon, Michigan
Sunday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey
Refreshments will follow
Please RSVP to 231-242-1171 or 347-3438 by May 1st.

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group is hosting the "Pope John Paul II" Movie Night this Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Teens are asked to arrive at 6:00 p.m. to help with concessions and ticket sales. All are welcomed to attend!

Those teens interested in attending C.L.I. (Christian Leadership Institute)-registrations are due by May 1st! Contact Liz Gengle at 347-4133 for your application.

Next Sunday, May 6, High School Youth Group will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at St. Francis Xavier after the 8 & 10 a.m. Morning Masses. All are invited to enjoy some delicious pancakes with toppings!

Also on Sunday, May 6, High School Youth Group will also be attending the Parish Mission at Holy Childhood Parish at 6:30 p.m. Plan on attending the first night of "Live the Mystery" Parish Mission!

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus who donated \$1000 to our High School Youth Group for our summer faith journeys! God Bless you for your generosity!

In Christ, Liz Gengle

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Br. Dan's Food Pantry Update

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace...where there is despair, let me bring hope-where there is darkness, let me bring light...for it is in giving that we receive..." St. Francis of Assisi Prayer

It is a wonderful feeling to be living in and being part of a community that cares. Many people have walked through our doors at the pantry, not only needing food but also needing to know that someone cares. Thank you to each of your giving hearts that have shared with us so that we have been able to share with those in need here in our community.

The number of families using our pantry have been gradually increasing. Last week alone, we were able to serve a record number of 93 families! In the last two weeks combined, we have served 171 families. This reflects 516 people. Each week we thank God for our blessings, and you are in each of those prayers.

Next week is May's Pantry Sunday weekend. Carts will again be at the doors for all Masses. We are very low on canned fruit, soup, cereal and tuna, but we would be able to use anything that you would like to share. If you miss bringing something in and would like to drop the food or money off later, our doors are open for drop off every day during the week from 9am to 4pm or you can leave it at the church's ramp doors.

Thank you to everyone that purchased a pie last week. We appreciate you!

We could use more grocery bags, especially the paper bags. We are always looking for new smiling faces to help at the pantry. If you are interested in joining our team by helping for a couple of hours or maybe would just like a tour, give us a call. Thank you and God bless you! For all we do, we do in His name.

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF April 29-May 5

**Sun: "I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know 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: Acts 13:14, 43-52
Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30

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

8am Intention: Sally Scholl
10am Intention: Raffine & Walter Sanders
12:00 Bay Shore: Sr. Anne Liegl-75th Ann. as a nun

8am Mon: Acts 11:1-18; Gospel Jn 10:1-10
Intention: D. Frank M. Lemanski
5:30pm Tues: Acts 11:19-26; Gospel Jn 10:22-30
Intention: D. Andrew, Irene & Dale Daniel

8am Wed: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Gospel Jn 12:44-50
Intention: D. Adrian L Monnat
8:30am Thurs: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Gospel Jn 14:6-14
Intention: Patrick McDermott

8am Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Gospel Jn 14:1-6
Intention: D. Pat Steffel
Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Gospel Jn 14:7-14
5 pm Intention: the Art & Joan Clark family

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, May 5/6, 2007

5:00 pm Tom Nagurka
8:00 am John Parker & Kim Philliben
10:00 am Jody VanSlembrouck & Dave Schneider

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, May 5/6, 2007

5:00 pm Chris & George Mayer, Janet Pfliegaar, 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, Emily Daniel, Bud & Mary Riley, Jim Holtz

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, May 5/6, 2007

5:00 pm Michael & Laura Ilenich, Jack & Nancy Balchik, Kitty Hramiec, Jerry & Barb Rosevear
8:00 am Russ & Jane Bock, Michk & Barv 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, May 5/6, 2007

5:00 pm Mary Louise Mooradian, Adam & Erik Hosler
8:00 am Reilly Philliben, Rochelle Seeley, Austin Willson
10:00 am Morgan Davis, Adrianna & Andrés Galindo

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$235.00
Loose \$372.75
\$607.75

Liturgical Ministers - May 6, 2007

Minister of the Word: Sandi Meyer
Eucharistic Minister: Dave Meyer
Server: Tim Sysko
Usher: Gus Sonnenberg
Offering: Michelle & Mike Sysko

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

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a priest, Deacon, Sister or Brother. Pray!

 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
	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, John
Salisz, Catherine Donnelly, Michael J. Foltz, Carole Lamberti	
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	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

Norm's Roofing & Siding