

A Message From Fr. Denny

A May Crowning Ceremony will be held in church on Friday, May 9 at 12 noon. All are invited to join in this traditional way of honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. May is her month. I encourage all of our Catholics to pray the rosary often during this month.

My thanks to all of you who attended the Parish Mission. It has been a good boost to the renewal of our faith. We need this from time to time. A special thanks to the Hospitality Committee for the receptions they provided each of three mornings and evenings. Thanks also to Lisa Doublestein for her work in putting together the flyers and the ad in the Petoskey News Review.

Fr. Tom and his partner, Don, did a great job with the Parish Mission and were great house guests. I deeply appreciate their ministry. Please remember to keep them in your prayers as they continue to go from parish to parish in this vast country of ours preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday, May 6 there will be a meeting of the Adult Education/Spirituality Committee at 7:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 7 there will be the second training session for new Eucharistic Ministers at 7:00 p.m. in church.

Fr. Eyob is scheduled to return to us on Friday, May 9. I am anxious to hear all about his time home, and even more anxious to have his company again.

Finally, CSA! It's that time of year and will be a special challenge to us to meet target given these tough financial times. If we all do the best that we can we will make target. Please be conscientious in getting your pledge in.

SFX School News

There is a Third Grade Teaching position open for the 2008/09 school year. If you are interested, applications will be accepted until May 8, 2008. Please send to/drop off at 414 Michigan St.

Everyone is invited to attend the May Crowning on Friday, May 9 at noon.

Stop in and check out our new school Library. Jennifer Buck spearheaded the Library renovation. St. Francis middle school students cleaned the walls, Sherwin Williams donated paint, Dad's of children at the school gave the library a fresh coat of paint, and Joey Haderer (parent) donated her time and talents by painting a mural on the south wall of the Library. Thank you to all who made this transformation possible.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 63.74
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 10.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,355.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ ---
Endowment	\$ ---
Envelopes (336)	\$12,956.00
Loose	\$ 1,259.72
Total Collection Last Week (4/27)	\$18,644.46

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

For Sunday, April 20, 2008

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 87.73
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 82.00
Building Fund	\$ 833.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 27.00
Endowment	\$ 7.00
Envelopes (320)	\$13,822.00
Loose	\$ 2,004.40
Total Collection Last Week	\$16,863.13

SFX Cemetery

We ask that you PLEASE do not put dirt in the trash containers around the cemetery. Take it to the dumpster instead. The individual containers get too heavy to maintain when they are filled with dirt. Thank you!!

Peace & Justice

Ground has been broken on this summer's Habitat For Humanity Project. Fr. Eyob took part in the ceremony and our parish was well represented. The building site is in Springbrook again this summer. We hope to have Christine Cruz and her kids in their new home by the first day of school. Please stay tuned to learn how you can help.

Registration for Faith Formation Classes

Registrations are being taken for Faith Formation classes for all children not attending St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in the Parish Office or Office of Faith Formation during office hours. Forms may be picked up for new registrations. Classes are provided for Kindergarten through Grade 8.

The Faith Formation Program will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. during the 2008-09 academic year.

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2008

Decorations Needed!!!

This summer's **Vacation Bible School** is in need of decorations/supplies. Our theme is **RAINFOREST ADVENTURE**. Do you have any items that would fit in with a rainforest theme? We welcome all items that we could use to decorate the parish hall. We also specifically need the following:

- * Tablecloths (rainforest themed or green/red/yellow colors)
- * Rainforest Animals (posters or stuffed): monkeys, macaws, toucans, butterflies, frogs
- * Pictures of trees/plants found in the rainforest
- * Plastic flowers/fruit/leaves
- * Packets of flower seeds

If you have any of the above items you would be willing to lend or donate to us, please bring them to the Parish Office or call Deborah Gagnon at 347-3748 for pick-up. These items will be returned to you after June 30th, so please label each item with your name and phone number.

**We are also still looking for teenagers and adults willing to volunteer their time and talents during VBS week (June 23rd-27th). We rely on volunteer support to bring this program to the children of the parish each year. Older siblings, moms, dads, grandparents are all welcome. Please call Deborah Gagnon if interested. Thank you for your help!!

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High School Youth Group

Many, many thanks to all the teens, parents, sponsors, youth ministry volunteers, our pastors, adult volunteers, and patrons who helped make our first John Paul II Festival and Dinner Theater a true success! The tremendous effort on the part of the teens and all the volunteers, along with the parental support throughout our preparations was truly blessed. We thank you for all the time, talent, and treasure you have shared! John Paul II - we love you!



In Christ,
Liz Gengle and Lizette Bondy

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, May 4th from 6-8 pm in the John Paul II Youth Center! Eighth graders are welcome to join us! We will have a formal "Steppin' Up Night" on Sunday, May 18th for the fall's new freshmen! Bring your friends for fun and faith-filled evening!

God Bless,
Liz Gengle

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FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Parents should read today's gospel as: "Make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always." Parents are appointed by Jesus to represent Him to their family.

Brother Dan's Food Pantry Update

"Lord, open our eyes that we may see You in our brothers and sisters. Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed. Lord, open our hearts that we may love each other as You love us."

~Prayer of Mother Teresa~

Last year in a bulletin article we wrote that a gift is something you give without expecting anything in return. Volunteers who share their time, talent and support in any form with the pantry are sharing their gift of love with those in need, expecting nothing in return. It gave us great pride to be recognized as one of the top 5 organizations in the state of Michigan as an Exemplary Community Service Program.

This week we received news that for a second year in a row, we have been honored with the title of being one of Michigan's top 5 Exemplary Community Service Programs. What an honor!! A special thanks goes to Gordy & Carolyn Bourland for nominating us. We will again be recognized at a program at Detroit's Fox Theater in June. We will share more information, as we receive it.



Just a reminder, as you plant your garden, consider planting a row for the pantry.

We continue to need grocery bags, egg cartons and old, clean plastic water bottles. They can be dropped off any day in the entrance of the pantry from 9-4 or in the basket at the end of the church ramp.

We are always 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.

SATF MISSION TRIP

St. Andrew Task Force has planned a Mission Trip to visit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit from June 12 – 15, 2008. Young men ages 12-18 are invited to attend. Join us as we serve Christ in our brothers and sisters in the Detroit area. Attendees will stay at Sacred Heart Seminary and will also visit the burial site of Fr. Solanus Casey while on this trip. Cost per child is \$20 (to a maximum of \$40 per family) which includes overnight accommodations, food, and transportation from Gaylord to Detroit and back. If financial considerations are needed, please contact Fr. Don Geyman in the Vocations Office at 989.705.3532. Registration and information forms can be obtained from your parish office or by contacting the diocesan offices.

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF May 5-11

Mon: Acts 19:1-8; Gospel Jn 16:29-33
5:30pm Tues: Acts 20:17-27; Gospel Jn 17:1-11a
Intention: D. Mildred Davis
8am Wed: Acts 20:28-38; Gospel Jn 17:11b-19
Intention: D. Sandra Smith & family
8:30am Thurs: Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Gospel Jn 17:20-26
Intention: L. Donna Kujat
8am Fri: Acts 25:13b-21; Gospel Jn 21:15-19
Intention: D. Camille Ayars
5 pm Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Gospel Jn 21:20-25
Intention: John & Dorothy Jancosek
Sun: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Gospel Jn 20:19-23
8am Intention: Chuck & Sylvia Studzinski
10am Intention: Art & Joan Clark & family
12noon Bay Shore: D. Nell Luedke

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, May 10/11, 2008

5:00 pm Jim Wolf
8:00 am Norm Bennett & Kolleen Homuth
10:00 am Rachel Brooks & Dave Schneider

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, May 10/11, 2008

5:00 pm Rob & Kim Kronberg, Austin & Virginia Cole, Sally Morris, Joni Hosler
8:00 am Mary Lee & Bill Huber, Stan & Margaret Borowski, Denn Nason, Gietzen, Carol Schwartzfisher
10:00 am Lisa Scholl, Bob & Barb Fate, Gary Toporek, Erwin & Cathy Doublestein

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, May 10/11, 2008

5:00 pm Barbara Mayer, Jennifer Mayer, Audrey Mania, Mary Jane Phelan, Annette Hannan
8:00 am Gordon & Carolyn Bourland, Dean & Nancy Jo Eaton, Rob & Kim Kronberg, Jeannie Blanz, Olive Hoffman, Marielle Rehmann
10:00 am Sally Parish, Joan Shear, Roy & Mary Ellen Pulaski, Theresa Golding, Bob & Barb Fate

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, May 10/11, 2008

5:00 pm Kelly Powers, 2 Volunteers
8:00 am Lisa Dinon, Nathaniel Reed, Thompson
10:00 am Isabel Ceniza, Nico Ceniza, Morgan Davis

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$415.00
 Loose \$175.00
 \$590.00

Liturgical Ministers - May 11, 2008

Minister of the Word: Mae Charbeneau
 Eucharistic Minister: Sandi Meyer
 Server: Tim Sysko
 Usher: Dave Meyer
 Offering: Sandi & Dave Meyer

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.

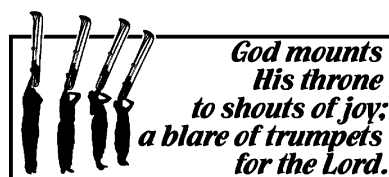
VOCATION VIEW

Never ask a child, "What are you going to be when you grow up?" Ask, "How do you want to serve others when you grow up?"

 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, Andrew Francis, Martin & Carol Beer, Jeremy Yell, Carol Lamberti, Andy Mayer, Matthew Royce, Jean Salisz, Patrick Manyian, L. R. Ballard, Susan Fineout, John Fochtman, Loretta Daniels, Casey Craig
	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
Respect 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
Emmet Brick & Block