


A Message From Fr. Denny

So far our CSA total is \$54,964. Our target is \$123,842. So please keep your pledges coming. You know how important it is to make target. Every parish has to pay its assessment to the support of the Diocese of Gaylord even if it does not make target. The balance then comes from the general operating fund of the parish. Nothing can mess up a parish budget more than not making our CSA target. So please take care of this responsibility. I have made my pledge as well. All of the priests of the diocese are very generous with CSA because we benefitted from it when we were seminarians. And now we try to give back as much as we can. CSA is a very good thing. You must see it in a positive light rather than just another bill to pay.

The wedding season has begun. We have about 27 weddings here this year. Please pray for these fine young couples. Our church is in great demand for weddings from all over the state. We have turned down about 25 requests of couples to marry in our church. We have had to establish criteria for outsiders getting married at SFX. Otherwise we would be completely overwhelmed with wedding requests.

The take home Chalice Program is working well so far. But we need more families to sign up, take the Chalice home and pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese.




What Makes a Mom

God took the songs of Angels
 The warmth of a Summer breeze
 The strength of rushing water
 The beauty of Autumn leaves

The gentleness of early morn
 The quiet sounds of night
 Comfort for every child
 The courage to let them take flight

The hope of a brand new day
 The faith to move mountains
 Patience that's unequalled
 A love that never ends

When God combined these qualities
 There was no more need to bother
 He knew His masterpiece complete
 And so He called it...Mother



Happy Mother's Day from the SFX Respect Life Committee

STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 49.65
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 218.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,168.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 212.00
Endowment	\$ 147.00
Envelopes ()	\$16,639.50
Loose	\$ 1,597.13
Total Collection Last Week	\$23,031.28

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

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that life to come is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

Building Debt Progress


Balance March 31, 2007	\$1,837,174
April Payment	
Interest	\$6,543
Principle	\$ 11,910
Balance April 30, 2007	\$1,825,264

**It's great that everyone is meeting their commitment.
KEEP IT UP!!**



What is Fair Trade Coffee???

Catholic Relief Services & Nicaraguan Coffee Partnership



Since 2003, CRS has worked intensively with more than 300 low income coffee farmers in Nicaragua to help them enter the U.S. Fair Trade market. Now some of their Fair Trade coffee is available here in Northern Michigan through the Higher Grounds Trading Co. in Lake Leelanau.

The Diocese of Gaylord and St. Francis Xavier Church offer you the opportunity to join in the cause of justice as we make available to you the purchase of Nicaraguan Fair Trade Coffee. Your purchase will help the low income coffee farmers in Nicaragua.

The coffee can be purchased at any coffee hour or call Carol Gietzen for purchases at other times.



**Petoskey Spring
Arts, Crafts & Gift Show**

**Saturday, May 19th 10am - 4pm
Emmet County Fairgrounds
\$1.00 admission to benefit
Brother Dan's Food Pantry**

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 2007-2008 academic year.

Catechists Needed

Catechists are needed for Grades 1 and the Middle school for the 2007-2008 academic year. Sr. Kathy would like to begin the training in June. The Faith Formation Program begins in September and ends in May and is held Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:30. We would like to keep the class sized to ten or less. If the Lord is calling you to this ministry, please respond by calling Sr. Kathy at 347-2681 to volunteer.

Why I Enjoy Being a Catechist

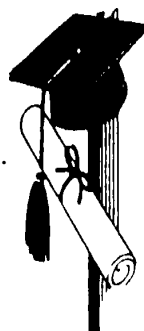
I enjoy working with people in close relationship and I love youth. For these reasons I am a catechist with the St. Francis Xavier Middle School Youth Group with the hope of helping its members build a closer relationship with Jesus, to become familiar with the Word of God and to grow in understanding of their Catholic faith. I also see this as a great opportunity to affirm these awesome young people. For me, this is a very rewarding and a very fun experience.

Norm Bennett

Class of 2007

Invitations have been sent out for the Mass and Brunch in your honor on June 3 at 10:00 am.

If you are a graduating high school senior and have not received one please contact the parish office as soon as possible. We want to include everyone from our two parishes.



High School Youth Group

After you spend the day spoiling your mom and grandma - all teens are invited to a special High School Youth Group where we will focus on our Heavenly Mother Mary. Our topic this Sunday, May 13 meeting will be "Mary: Queen of Peace". Learn more about how Mary can help bring peace to your life and friendships with others. We will also be having a special May Crowning Celebration! We will meet in the John Paul II Youth Center from 6-8pm, located in the lower level of St. Francis Xavier School. Join us! We'll be playing Ultimate Frisbee too!

Only a few spots remain open for the Franciscan University of Steubenville High School Youth Conference this June 22-24, 2007 - check your calendar and sign-up today by calling 347-4133!
In Christ, Liz Gengle

Br. 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~

A gift is something you give without expecting anything in return. Anyone who shares time, talent and support in any form with the pantry is sharing their gift of love with those in need, expecting nothing in return. So, to be considered for an award for the work that we do is quite an honor. Brother Dan's Food Pantry was nominated by Father Denny and has been selected as one of 40 finalists in the State of Michigan for the Governor's Service Awards. We are actually one of five finalists in the category of "Exemplary Community Service Programs". We have been invited to attend the celebration, "The Miracle of Volunteerism" on Wednesday, June 20 in Detroit at the Fox Theatre. Volunteers and friends are invited to attend the program that includes a special appearance by Motown's Miracles. If you are interested in attending, please call the pantry and leave the message. It has been an honor just to be considered "Exemplary"!!

Thank you to everyone who shared with us during May's Pantry Sunday weekend. We received a couple of grocery carts of food and \$1,460.41 from St. Francis Solanus, the Sacramentines and all 3 Masses at St. Francis Xavier.

During the last two weeks we had 122 family visits which reflect 364 people. 8 of those visits were from families using our pantry for the first time. Again this week we not only heard words of appreciation but also tears of joy. Thank you again!

Come and join us at the Craft Show this Saturday, May 19 at the Fairgrounds. The pantry will be serving lunch as well as receiving the food and admission collected at the door.

Just a reminder, as you plant your garden, consider planting a row for the pantry. Also, we now have enough glass jars. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

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

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF May 13-19

Sun: "Whoever loves me will keep my word..."

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 15:1-2,22-29
 Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
 Gospel: John 14:23-29

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

8am Intention: *Richard Steffel*

10am Intention: *D. Jack & Stella Wodek*

12noon Bay Shore: *Susan Allen*

8am Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Gospel Jn 15:26-16:4a

Intention: *D. Rose Marie Long*

5:30pm Tues: Acts 16:22-34; Gospel Jn 16:5-11

Intention: *D. Richard Gough*

8am Wed: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Gospel Jn 16:12-15

Intention: *Violet Dixon*

8:30am Thurs: Acts 18:1-8; Gospel Jn 16:16-20

Intention: *Chester Studzinski - birthday*
D. Ivan & Virginia Bondy

8am Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Gospel Jn 16:20-23

Intention: *L. & D. Fryczynski family*

5 pm Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Gospel Jn 16:23b-28

Intention: *L. & D. Earl Kalchik family*

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, May 19/20, 2007

5:00 pm Jim Wolf

8:00 am Mary Lee & Bill Huber

10:00 am Julie Gudmunsen & Mike LaVictoire

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, May 19/20, 2007

5:00 pm Janet Pflighaar, Joanie Vargo, Sue Levitte,
 Jennifer Muller, Bill & BJ Steffens

8:00 am Vickie Vance, Joyce & Roger Clark, Rob & Kim
 Kronberg, Gene & Gina Klco

10:00 am Lee Phillips, Jim & Linda Veno, Gunner Deery,
 John Zimmerman

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, May 19/20, 2007

5:00 pm Mike & Joanie Vargo & family, George & Chris
 Mayer, Carl Powers & family

8:00 am Ed & Peg Collins, Shari Hoek, Ann Burek, Terry
 Bennett, Bill & Carla Kanine

10:00 am Jeff & Shawn Haven, Aaron & Rachel Brooks &
 family, Dean & Cheryl Fleury, Mary
 DeAgostino, Annette Fettig, Kevin Whitmore

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, May 19/20, 2007

5:00 pm Brandon & Christopher Kargol, Kelly Powers

8:00 am Keith & Craig Shoenith, Luke Tillotson

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

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$360.00
 Loose \$367.75
 \$727.75

Liturgical Ministers - May 20, 2007

Minister of the Word: Mae Charbeneau
 Eucharistic Minister: Eric Kessler
 Server: Joey Sypniewski
 Usher: John Wiklanski
 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.

VOCATIONAL VIEW

It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

 PRAYER REQUESTS	LeiAnn (Locke) Hunter, Carol Reed, Samuel Theodore Kolinski, Kerri Malloy, Carolyn Rostar, 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, Catherine Donnelly, John Salisz, Michael J. Foltz
	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

Bill's Standard Auto Repair