

A Message From Fr. Denny

I will be at the annual gathering of my priest support group downstate most of this week. Therefore, there will be no daily masses except for Friday, August 10. I will return to Petoskey Thursday afternoon, August 9. Bishop Rose, our former bishop of Gaylord, will be part of this gathering. I have belonged to this priest support group for many years and look forward every year to be with my brother priests.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mark your calendars now for attending Mass on August 15 at 8:00 a.m. or 12:00 noon, or the Vigil Mass Tuesday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m.

I want to take this time to thank the bulletin sponsors on the back of this bulletin for renewing their ads with us. Thanks to them we are able to produce this weekly bulletin at no cost to the parish. Please try to patronize our sponsors whenever you can as a token of appreciation for their generosity.

We are making our monthly payments on our parish debt but we are not always able to make the full payment. We are dependent on all of you folks to make sure that your Sunday Offering includes extra for the debt reduction. Can you imagine any lending institution that would tolerate incomplete payments? The fact that we have borrowed money from the Diocesan Deposit and Loan Fund is no excuse for us not making our full payments every month. Perhaps we are thinking that it doesn't matter if you don't make our payments because the Diocese will never shut us down. Sometimes I think that we should have borrowed money from a regular bank. I think if we had we would be making our full monthly payments. So think about that. We have an obligation to pay what we owe. This money is not owed to the diocese of Gaylord, but to all of the parishes in our diocese that have put their savings in the Diocesan Deposit and Loan Fund.

By the way, I am still hoping and praying that someone out there will give me a million dollars toward the debt.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 56.52
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 9.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,102.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 12.00
Endowment	\$ 2.00
Envelopes (328)	\$12,930.00
Loose	\$ 3,993.56
Total Collection Last Week	\$20,107.08

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

Seeing Jesus transfigured made Peter want to do something to mark the event. But the voice from the cloud said clearly that the first task of those who recognize Jesus as Lord is to listen to Jesus — and then act!

Eagle Project

I will be having a work bee for my Eagle Project on August 18 at 10:00 am at the St. Francis Xavier Pre-school playground. In case of rain, the date will be August 19 instead. Please contact me at 582-1711 if you can help.



Thank you,
Kevin Wroblewski

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High School Youth Group

A special talk for teens will be given by **Tim Staples** on Saturday, August 11, 2007 at 11:00 am entitled, "**Camels, Leatherjackets and Limburger Cheese: Proof that God uses Young People to Change the World**" at the Marian Peace Center Family Festival, preceded by Mass at 10:00 am. The festival is free for all young people 18 and under. Enjoy the entire festival beginning Friday, August 10th at 6:30 pm and on Saturday, August 11 from 9:00 am-9:00 pm. Contact Josh or Lori Mercer at 347-MARY for more information on this fun family event of the summer! All are welcome!

God Bless,
Liz Gengle

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Altar Server Outing

Chaperones are needed for the Altar Server outing on August 19 in Gaylord. Parents of those attending would be a logical choice. Please contact the parish office if you are able to be a chaperone. If none are found our children will not be able to attend.



CSA Update

As of 7-31-07



Pledged to date	\$112,025.75
Need to meet goal	\$11,816.25

Catechists Needed

After announcing for three months that we need catechists for grades one and two, no one has responded. If you see this article and know someone who would be right for this need, please encourage that person to volunteer (347-2681). There are only a few weeks left for preparation and formation for the Fall sessions. Faith Formation for public school youth is held Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 from mid-September to the beginning of May. Please pray that volunteers come forward soon.

Sr. Kathy

Registration for Faith Formation

Registration for the Wednesday evening Faith Formation of public school youth Kindergarten through eighth grade is being taken in the Parish Office during office hours. The schedule and policy booklet and information on the pot luck supper will be mailed Labor Day weekend to those who have registered by Labor Day. The Faith Formation sessions take place Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30 in the elementary school building. If you have further questions, please call Sr. Kathy at 347-2681.

Catechist Day

The Center For Catholic Studies will offer courses needed for basic certification of parish catechists and youth ministry leaders on September 29 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The structure of the day will enable those attending the entire day to receive basic certification status as a parish catechist or youth ministry leader. Register for this event through the Center for Catholic Studies by contacting Tammy Boylan at 989.732.5147 or emailing ccs@dioceseofgaylord.org.

Symposium on Adult Faith Development

Dr. Barbara Minczewski will lead a symposium on September 8 at our Diocesan Pastoral Center, to discuss the vision presented in the document, *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us*. The Symposium will explore the many faces of adult learning; the needs and concerns of adult faith development as well as the special needs of adult faith development in a rural diocese. Registration materials are available through the Diocesan Field Representatives or you can call Dannie Brzezinski at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 989.732.5147 or email her at dbrzezinski@dioceseofgaylord.org.

NMCF

The Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation (NMCF), providing for the future of Catholic ministries throughout the Diocese of Gaylord. If you would like more information on the NMCF, or how to remember your parish, school, the Diocese of Gaylord or a particular diocesan ministry in your estate plans through the NMCF, please contact Danielle Parish, NMCF Executive Director at 989-732-5147 or dparish@dioceseofgaylord.org.

LIFE MATTERS

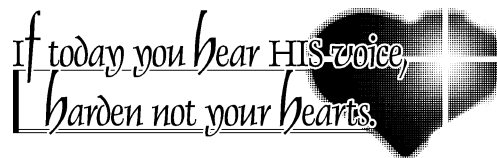
The Church says life is beautiful, it is not something to doubt, but it is a gift even when it is lived in difficult circumstances. It is always a gift.-- Pope Benedict XVI, *Conversation with the press*, May 9, 2007

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns "Life does not consist of possessions. This is not what matters to God." Our worth comes from within; who we are is more important than what we have or how we look.

Catechetical Conference

This conference offered at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on August 18 is for anyone in catechetical ministry - catechists, catechetical aides, RCIA catechists, youth ministry leaders / directors and DRE's. Six major publishers will be present to demonstrate how to use materials effectively in your programs. Singer-songwriter and composer Timothy Smith will enliven our faith through song and prayer as well as offer a breakout session on using music in your ministry. There will also be breakout sessions for RCIA catechists and a special breakout session on adult faith development. The day will include a special luncheon as well as acknowledgements and awards given to catechetical leaders for their years of service in catechetical ministry. Bishop Cooney will address those gathered and send us forth with a special blessing. Registration materials are available through the Diocesan Field Representatives or you can call Dannie Brzezinski at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 989.732.5147 or email her at dbrzezinski@dioceseofgaylord.org.



SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF August 5-11

Sun: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart."

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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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

8am Intention: *St. Francis Xavier Parish*

10am Intention: *D. Virginia Schlueter-Brehl*

12noon Bay Shore: *D. Carla & Lorenzo Borglemghi*

Mon: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Gospel Lk 9:28b-36

Tues: Nm 12:1-13; Gospel Mt 14:22-36

Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Gospel Mt 15:21-28

Thurs: Nm 20:1-13; Gospel Mt 16:13-23

8am Fri: 2 Cor 9:6--10; Gospel Jn 12:24-26

Intention: *Margaret I. Caird*

5pm Sat: Dt 6:4-13; Gospel Mt 17:14-20

Intention: *St. Francis Xavier Parish*

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, August 11/12, 2007

5:00 pm Tom Nagurka

8:00 am Kolleen Homuth & Bob Rasmussen

10:00 am Mike LaVictoire & Jody VanSlembrouck

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, August 11/12, 2007

5:00 pm Janet Pflgebraar, Sue Levitte, Sally Morris, Audrey Mania, Austin & Virginia Cole

8:00 am Margaret & Stan Borowski, Jim & Marianne Hoffman, Joan Annable, Maureen McCarthy, Mary Putters

10:00 am Bill & BJ Steffens, Bud & Mary Riley, Gary Toporek, Mary Tonge

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, August 11/12, 2007

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

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

10:00 am Jeff & Shawn Haven, Aaron & Rachel Brooks & family, Mary DeAgostino, Annette Fettig

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, August 11/12, 2007

5:00 pm Erik & Adam Hosler & volunteer

8:00 am Craig Schoenith, Luke Tillotson, Austin Willson

10:00 am Isabel Ceniza, Payton Diss, Alexis Donovan

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$455.00
Loose \$516.75
\$971.75

Liturgical Ministers - August 12, 2007

Minister of the Word: Dave Meyer
Eucharistic Minister: Eric Kessler
Server: Tim Sysko
Usher: John Wiklanski
Offering: Mae & Dave Charbeneau

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 VIEWS

Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things that are not of the earth. God is everything : the only thing.

 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., Peggy Beyers, Therese Skoczylas, Ed Kelbel, Sr., Helen Dyksterhouse, Robert Pung, Frank & Gertrude Kline, Lois Brinkel, Mary Ketchman, Ralph Kilpatrick, Betty Riley, Casie Parker, Penny Pemberton, Rose Case, Ryan McCarthy, Sarah Miller, Floyd Francis, Brian Kuebler, Geri Brown, Laura Ilenich, Gregg Hosler, Catherine Donnelly, Michael J. Foltz, Mike Conflitti, Pat Powers, Louis Schantz, Molly Walenta, Paul Lacusta
	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

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