

A Message From Fr. Denny

Two weeks ago I once again asked if someone would write SFX a check for one million dollars to help pay off our parish debt. I said that I would settle for one thousand people writing checks for one thousand dollars each. Almost immediately six dear souls wrote me checks for one thousand dollars. All that I need now is for 994 folks to do the same. I was very touched by their response to my pleas. And do you know what? They were either visitors or part time parishioners. Folks like these have been very generous to our parish. We owe them a debt of gratitude. One gentleman had earlier given SFX a check for \$10,000 toward the debt reduction. What a guy!!

How about it? Will some more of you step forward with a gift of one thousand dollars? (I'll still take the million if it is offered.)

On Thursday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. the SFX Pastoral Council will have a study session.

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High School Youth Group

What a great time the teens and chaperones had on our annual Sturgeon River Rafting Trip! The weather was great and the river was refreshing! We enjoyed some delicious ice cream afterwards and visited the National Shrine/Parish of Cross in the Woods in Indian River before we headed home. What a fun and blessed day! Thanks to all the chaperones!

Our end of summer party is scheduled for August 26. We'll be having a barbeque and time for recreation at the Tim Bondy Outdoor Performance Center. Watch the bulletin for more details! Our regular scheduled Sunday Night meetings begin on Sunday, September 9 at the John Paul II Youth Center. ALL TEENS ARE WELCOMED to be a part of another fun, faith-filled, and Christ-centered year through St. Francis Xavier/Holy Childhood High School Youth Group!

In Christ,
 Liz Gengle

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STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 146.78
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 37.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,533.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 104.00
Endowment	\$ 10.00
Envelopes (318)	\$12,406.89
Loose	\$ 4,871.68
Total Collection Last Week	\$19,112.35

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

Peace & Justice

A few weeks back our Sunday Gospel reading included the very familiar parable of the "Good Samaritan". In Fr. Denny's homily he discussed the many good works in our society that have been inspired by this parable, then he asked a challenging question: when we get involved in works of charity are we doing it because it makes us feel good, or have we really dug deep, decided to look around, discovered the true needs of our neighbors, and decided to help no matter how we feel?

That's quite a question. As Father said there's nothing wrong with enjoying your work, having fun while you're helping others. But if you find yourself going to see your loved one in the nursing home, helping to build the house for a low-income single parent, spending a night supervising at the homeless shelter, answering another question from your three year old, or volunteering to help the patients at the free health clinic when you really don't feel like it, when you're exhausted, when you have to sacrifice something much more entertaining, that's when you know you're getting there. Sometimes God's work isn't fun. It can be dirty, frustrating, humiliating, grueling or all of the above. But when we let go of our desires and serve God, we begin to see what he means by living life abundantly.

Please pray for the following ministries and if you feel you might be able to help or just want to learn more, please call.

Habitat for Humanity	Jim	526-5716
Nehemiah Homeless Shelter	Pat	347-9000
Community Free Clinic	Niki	487-3600
Pregnancy Resource Center	Judy	348-3388
Migrant Worker Ministry	Fred	347-8646
Family Support Group	Kate	347-5557

(for addictions)

Rest in Peace

Word has been received of the passing of Sister Claudine Smith who served our parish from 1952-1959. Please pray for her.



Evening Adult Bible Study Coming to Holy Childhood of Jesus Church September 13, 2007

Have you ever started reading the Bible, only to put it down after a few weeks? Do you listen to the Scripture readings at Mass and wish you knew more about the story?

Holy Childhood of Jesus Church in Harbor Springs is hosting a video-based scripture study on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

A registration fee of \$30.00 (\$45.00 after September 1st) includes a 24 week study kit.

Registration has begun so call Marie or Denise at 526-2017 for more information.



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.

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.

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

Br. Dan's Pie Factory

Don't forget to get in your orders by this Friday for your choice of delicious pies from Br. Dan's Pie Factory. The cost of \$10 gets you a wonderful pie and the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped to feed many people through Br. Dan's Food Pantry. As the pie lady says, they freeze well. Labor Day picnics will be enhanced by some good, home-made pie!!

LIFE MATTERS

[It] seems unexceptional to conclude that some women come to regret their choice to abort the infant life they once created and sustained. . . . Severe depression and loss of esteem can follow.-- *Carhart v. Gonzales* (upholding the federal partial-birth abortion ban), April 18, 2007

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

The words of Jesus today, "son against father, daughter against her mother," sound like normal family fare. Conflict is the price of intimacy. However, how we handle conflict determines if we live in "peace" or "division."

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.

LORD,
Come to my aid!

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF August 19-25

Sun: "My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow 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: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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

8am Intention: Charles & Maria Pia Hanna
10am Intention: In Memory of Bob & Jacque Beagle
12noon Bay Shore: D. John Finn

Mon: Jgs 2:11-19; Gospel Mt 19:16-22

5:30pm Tues: Jgs 6:11-24a; Gospel Mt 19:23-30

Intention: D. Rita Rietdorf

8am Wed: Jgs 9:6-15; Gospel Mt 20:1-16

Intention: Marian Peace Center

8am Thurs: Jgs 11:29-39a; Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Intention: D. Monica Schulz

8am Fri: Rv 21:9b-14; Gospel Jn 1:45-51

Intention: D. Stephen & Rose Kolinsky

5 pm Sat: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Gospel Mt 23:1-12

Intention: L. & D. Earl Kalchik family

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, August 25/26, 2007

5:00 pm Deb Natchrab
8:00 am John Parker & Norm Bennett
10:00 am Dick Ruemenapp & Julie Gudmunsen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, August 25/26, 2007

5:00 pm Sally Morris, Phyllis Linck, Sue Levitte, Joanie Vargo, Audrey Mania, Michelle Moose
8:00 am Roger & Joyce Clark, Mary Lee & Bill Huber, Vickie Vance, Bob & Sherrie Rasmussen
10:00 am Sue Fifer, Jim & Linda Beno, Emily Daniel, Lisa Scholl, Lee Phillips

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, August 25/26, 2007

5:00 pm Jack & Nancy Balchik, Kitty Hramiec, Jerry & Barb Rosevear
8:00 am Russ & Jane Bock, Mick & Barb Stoddard, Jamie & Pam Clark, Dale & Marie Seeley & family
10:00 am Jim & Linda Beno, Steve & Marsey Shuman, Sally Spring, Greg & Marie Law & family, Eric & Chris Daniel & family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, August 25/26, 2007

5:00 pm Joseph, Brandon & Christopher Kargol
8:00 am Reilly Philliben, 2 Thompson's
10:00 am Morgan Davis, Dylan & Karla Kane

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$ 375.00
Loose \$ 632.00
\$1,007.00

Liturgical Ministers - August 26, 2007

Minister of the Word: Anne Kelly
Eucharistic Minister: Gus Sonnenberg
Server: Joey Sypniewski
Usher: John Wiklanski
Offering: Maxine Titus & Mary Anne Selders

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

Jesus wants his followers to light a fire on this earth. His followers, as His fire, are bright, blazing, consuming, enlightening and warm.

 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
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
Brown Motors