

A Message From Fr. Denny

A question has been raised by some folks in our diocese regarding how much vacation time a priest has a right to take each year. At a recent meeting of the Presbyteral Council it was agreed that folks in the parishes ought to know the answer to this question. The law that governs priests' annual time off is Canon 533, #2: The pastor may be absent each year from the parish on vacation for at most one continuous month.

A priest's day off and his retreat time do not count as part of vacation time. Vacation time can be taken all at once or split up during the year. Sabbaticals and educational workshops do not count as vacation time.

Some folks think that we are taking too much time off, but they do not know that Canon Law defines and protects a priest's time off. A priest does not have the right to go beyond what Canon Law defines.

People also wonder about priests' salaries. All priests get a salary. Religious Order priests turn their salaries over to the "common pot" so to speak. They take a vow of poverty and, therefore, cannot own anything. Their salaries support themselves as well as the infirmed and retired priests of their order. Diocesan priests, such as myself, do not take a vow of poverty. We are able to own whatever we can afford as long as we do not cause scandal through being materialistic. Though we do get a pension and social security after we retire, unlike religious order priests, we have to take care of our selves. Therefore, our salaries have to allow for investments for future income. When I was first ordained my salary was \$300 a month, plus room and board. Because of the economy and because the onus of taking care of our own futures, our salaries have gradually increased over the 36 years I have been a priest. The salary of a priest who has been ordained for 36 years is about \$34,000 a year, plus room and board, health and car insurance. We also get mileage reimbursement for miles driven associated with our ministry.

Just prior to my ordination, a priest depended on mass stipends and stole fees and the Christmas collection for his support. Today, because we receive a salary, all mass stipends and stole fees for weddings, funerals, and baptisms are counted a parish income. If in addition the people wish to give the priest a personal gift, the priest can keep the gift. The priest cannot require a personal fee for services rendered. A priest is also able to receive and keep personal gifts for birthdays and anniversaries and Christmas or for whatever.

There, I hope that clarifies things for you. Probably none of this has ever been explained to you. Priests get an increase in wages every three to five years in our diocese. Each time the salary package is reevaluated by a special committee appointed by the bishop. The committee consists of priests and laymen who have expertise in matters financial.

Rest in Peace

Father Walter Derylo passed away suddenly Friday, August 17th. Father Walt was an Associate Pastor here in 1999-2000. Please keep him in your Prayers.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 44.43
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 55.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,670.00
Holy Day Collection	\$ 235.00
Envelopes (323)	\$12,343.00
Loose	\$ 2,833.61
Total Collection Last Week	\$18,181.04

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

In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans - and us - that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that *all* is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.

Regarding The Sacrament of Baptism

We have had a problem for quite some time of parents coming to church to have their children baptized who do not practice their catholic faith. Some parents may be registered but do not go to church with any frequency. Many are not registered at all. We have given these folks a lot of slack. However, we are going to be a little more strict from now on. Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend Mass regularly. Godparents must also be registered members of a Catholic Church and have a letter from their pastor that they are practicing Catholics (i.e. If they live outside this community). Baptism is not only a cleansing of the soul of Original Sin, but also an initiation into the church. Parents and godparents must be members in good standing themselves if they are to have their children initiated.

Regarding The Sacrament of Marriage

The wedding season for 2008 is almost full. There are three dates open. Anyone in the parish planning on getting married here in 2008 must call the parish office soon. Our church is in great demand for weddings from folks who do not live in our area. We are accepting less and less of these wedding requests. They have to have a reasonable connection with the parish as well as being practicing catholics. This means that they must be registered and in good standing in a parish where they live. We do give a little slack for couples who are in or just out of college and who are not registered anywhere. People should not be asking for the Sacraments of the Church if they do not count themselves among the faith community.

Father Tony's Bible Study...

...Is starting again this Fall (without Father Tony, of course!). Deacon Paul will be continuing Father Tony's Weekly Bible Study format. If you are curious, have questions, or just want to learn more about the scripture, plan on stopping by. We will meet on Monday's from 6p to 7p in the Parish Office. Our first meeting will be September 10th.

**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...

We need catechists for Grades 1 and 2. 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.

SFX 3rd Annual Golf Scramble...

Where: Hidden River Golf & Casting Club
When: Sunday, September 16
Time: 3pm - Shotgun Start
Cost: \$40 per player (includes golf & cart, dinner afterward with special prizes)

Registration will take place after all Masses on the weekends of 8/26, 9/2, & 9/9. All players must be registered by Sept. 9th in order to play.

Questions? Call Mike LaVictoire @ (231) 526-1302.

**The Parish Office will be closed
on Labor Day, September 3rd.**

"The Joy of Carmel" Silent Retreat...

Fr. William Healy, OCD, a Carmelite from Milwaukee, WI, will present a silent retreat on the "The Joy of Carmel" at the Augustine Center beginning at 10a Saturday, 9/22. Mass, conferences, and spiritual direction will be held throughout the day and will conclude after Mass on Sunday. The cost is \$55 per person (including meals) plus a donation for Fr. Bill's expenses. The cost for Saturday only is \$30. This retreat is sponsored by the Carmelite Secular Communities of The Infant Jesus of Prague, Traverse City, and St. Joseph, Rudyard. Everyone is invited. Contact Margene F. Fennell, OCDS @ (231) 348-3798 for reservations or more information.

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.

Attention all Veterans...

Did you know there is a Veteran Affairs Office in Emmet County? If you want to know more about what they do and how they can help, contact Jim Alton @ (231) 348-1780.

Oh Lord,

**Help me to do as much good as I can,
For as many people as I can,
In as many ways as I can,
For as long as I can.**

Amen

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF AUG 26 - SEPT 1

Sun: "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News."

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: Isaiah 66:18-21
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7; 11-13
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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

8am Intention: D. Joseph & Ann Schneider
10am Intention: St Francis Xavier Parish
12noon Bay Shore: D. Jacqueline Blaesser

Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5; 8b-10 Gospel Mt 23:13-22
5:30pm Tues: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Gospel Mt 23:23-26
Intention: Special Intention

8am Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Gospel Mk 6:17-29
Intention: L. Mary Ann Strong (Birthday)

8am Thurs: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Gospel Mt 24:42-51
Intention: D. Frank M. Lemanski

8am Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Gospel Mt 25:1-13
Intention: D. Stephen & Rose Kolinsky

5 pm Sat: 1 Thes 4-9-11; Gospel Mt 25:14-30
Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish

Envelopes \$ 530.00
Loose \$ 632.00
\$1,162.00

Liturgical Ministers - September 2, 2007

Minister of the Word: Mae Charbeneau
Eucharistic Minister: Sandi Meyer
Server: Michael Sypniewski
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 VIEWS...

Try not to pray for an easy life; rather pray to be a strong person. Strong in trust, hope, care and love. Follow Jesus.

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, Sept 1/2, 2007

5:00 pm Jim Wolf
8:00 am Kim Philliben & Bill Kanine
10:00 am Paul Tomey & Jody VanSlembrouck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, Sept 1/2, 2007

5:00 pm Chris & George Mayer, Austin & Virginia Cole, Brian & Teresa George.
8:00 am Carol Schwartzfisher, Denn Nelson, Ann & Larry Hendricks, Alvaro Artaza, Margaret & Stan Borowski.
10:00 am Mary Tonge, Lee Phillips, Sally Spring, Margene Fennell, Bill & BJ Steffens.

GREETERS


Saturday & Sunday, Sept 1/2, 2007

5:00 pm Barbara & Jennifer Mayer, Audrey Mania, Annette Hannan, Phyllis Linck, Margaret Pennel.
8:00 am Gordon & Carolyn Bourland, Dean & Nancy Eaton, Rob & Kim Kronberg, Jeane Blanz, Olive Hoffman, Marielle Rehmann.
10:00 am Sally Parish, Joan Shear, Roy & Mary Ellen Pulaski, Theresa Golding.

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, Sept 1/2, 2007

5:00 pm Kelly Powers, Lily Sloan, Will Klooster
8:00 am Freddie Liederbach, Conner Reed, Rochelle Stanley.
10:00 am Ian Burke, Tom & Joe LeBlanc



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, and 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
RespectLife 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
Dr. William J. Kane, MD, FACS