

A Message From Fr. Denny

Destination Weddings are a phenomenon of our highly mobile society. Fewer and fewer of our young adults feel any emotional or spiritual attachment to a particular local church. The parish they live in currently is not likely to be the parish in which their parents and grandparents were born, lived in, and were buried from. Therefore, they have no loyalty to their parish. When their wedding plans get underway they look for a place outside where they live to celebrate their wedding. Petoskey is a destination for many couples. And St. Francis has fifteen or twenty of these weddings every year. Our church is beautiful, Petoskey is beautiful. We get 30-40 requests a year from folks outside the community.

Destination Weddings, however, are very expensive. This is true not just for the bride and groom and their parents. Guests must bear the cost of travel and of food and lodging, even of taking vacation time that could have been used for a real family vacation. None of this seems to put the brakes on these destination weddings.

We at St. Francis Xavier will continue to allow these weddings in our church but the restrictions will be tighter. There must be a reasonable connection to our church and to Petoskey. One or both of the couple must be registered and practicing members of a parish. They must have a letter from their pastor confirming this. They must also provide their own priest. I am not able to handle the large wedding load all by myself. Couples must comply with our protocol. They will be charged a stole fee of \$1,000. In addition, they must pay a stipend to the organist and to the cantor. All marriage prep is to take place at the parish in which they live or are registered. This includes all paper work and any needed dispensations.

All of the above are the standard requirements of places where destination weddings are celebrated.

Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. All catechists will be commissioned during the 10:00 liturgy. This includes Faith Formation program, teachers in our school, high school youth ministry and those involved in Adult Education.

Snowbirds/Summer Parishioners

Would you be so kind as to fill out the form that can be found at each of the entrances concerning your date of departure and return? For some of you the dates never change but others leave and return at different times each year. It is helpful to us for scheduling, for mailings and for general purposes of knowing what our population is at any given time of year. Please help us out by letting us know, even if you're only gone for a month or two. Thank you so much for your assistance.

A reminder that Thursday morning Mass is now at 8:30 am as school is in session and the children have Mass at that time.

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 47.73
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 91.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,259.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 70.00
Endowment	\$ 9.00
Envelopes (349)	\$13,552.00
Loose	\$ 2,945.95
Total Collection Last Week	\$20,991.68

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

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

Task Force Meeting

September 11 at 7:00 pm in the basement of the parish office. Anyone interested in being a part of the Task Force should come or contact Bob at 487-0490.

We are seeking parishioners to help with our outside gardening. Please share your time and talents with your parish.
Bob Rasmussen
Jerry Martinchek

SFX 3rd Annual Golf Scramble...

Where: Hidden River Golf & Casting Club

When: Sunday, September 16

Time: 3 pm - Shotgun Start

Cost: \$40 per player (includes golf & cart, dinner afterward with special prizes)

Registration will take place after all Masses this weekend. All players must be registered by September 9th in order to play.

Questions? Call Mike LaVictoire @ 526-1302

Bible Study

Bible Study is starting again this Monday, September 10th. Deacon Paul will be continuing Fr. 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 6 to 7 pm in the Parish Office.

Habitat For Humanity
Swiss Steak Dinner
September 12, 4:30-7pm
Petoskey Methodist Church
To benefit The Church Hammers
Call the parish office for tickets

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 9, 2007

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Attention all High School Teens!

High School Youth Group begins it's fall ministry program this Sunday, September 9 from 6-8 pm in the John Paul II Youth Center! The John Paul II Youth Center is located in the lower level of St. Francis Xavier School off of Howard St. New teens are always welcome! Our topic for this Sunday is "Jesus: The Word Made Flesh". The meeting will include games, the topic presentation, prayer, football, snack and fellowship! All teens are encouraged to check out what St. Francis Xavier/Holy Childhood High School Youth Ministry has to offer!

Pizza and Apologetics will begin on Tuesday, September 18 after the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier. We discuss various topics of faith and enjoy a pizza dinner! This is a great way to "go deeper" in your knowledge about the Catholic Faith!

Beginning Monday, September 17th, High School Youth Group will also be taking on a Holy Hour at the Adoration Chapel from 5-6 pm.

Mark your calendars for High School Youth Group's first fund-raiser of the fall - an Oktoberfest Dinner on Saturday, October 6th from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Parish Hall! Plan on supporting the teens! Thank you!

In Christ through Mary,
Liz Gengle

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**Adult Faith Formation
RCIA**

On Tuesday evening, September 25th, we will once again be conducting weekly inquiry sessions for those in the process of decreeing their call to be Catholics. We hope to see both those who have never been baptized as well as those of other faiths who share a common interest in learning more about the Catholic faith.

The parish process for the Rites of Christian Initiations (RCIA) has undergone a few changes in the last year. For example, under the direction of our Bishop, the minimum period of enrollment for individuals who have never been baptized is two years before they can undergo the Rites of Christian Initiation into the Catholic faith. Yet, those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition are, in regards to time spent in the process, handled on a case by case base. So we are routinely dealing with folks who are at different points in their faith walk.

We will be meeting at the Parish Office, 513 Howard St. from 7 to 8:30 pm. If you have questions please feel free to call Deacon Dennis at 348-6638.

RCIA Team

The RCIA team is asked to set aside an hour of their time for a meeting to discuss this years process. Please mark your calendar for a Tuesday evening meeting at 7 pm September 18. We will be meeting at the parish office. You are asked to RSVP by calling Deacon Dennis at 348-6638.

Catechists Needed

After announcing for four months that we need catechists for grade one, 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 is only one week 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 a volunteer comes 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 have been mailed to those who have registered by Labor Day. The Faith Formation sessions take place Wednesday evening from 6:-7:30 in the elementary school building. If you have further questions, please call Sr. Kathy at 347-2681.

Room assignments have been made as well as textbooks. In all fairness to the catechists, we will not take walk-in registrations September 19 or September 26 at 6:00 p.m. Walk in registrations create to much of a last minute rush for all involved. If you know of someone who needs to register their children, please notify them as soon as possible.

Parents are reminded to bring plates, cups/glasses, and utensils to the pot luck supper. Be sure to return your food assignment form no later than September 17.

Between the energy of both our new and veteran catechists and parents/families, this should be an exciting year of Faith Formation. Welcome Back!

Sr. Kathy

Thanks has been received from the American Red Cross for hosting the August 23rd Battle of the Banks blood drive at our parish. 58 units of blood, including one double red cell donation, were collected!
Thank you to Suzanne Holguin, all of the volunteers, especially the K of C's, and our own maintenance staff for the time and effort this endeavor required.

Meeting for Anointing Mass and Lunch will take place on Sept. 20th in the parish office at 7pm for all who wish to participate and volunteer for this event. This year the Mass will be held on Thursday, October 11th at 10am followed by a luncheon in the parish hall. Call the parish office if you are unable to attend but want to help out. We can use all volunteers! Thank you.

Happy to serve the Lord and our Parish,
Suzanne Holguin RNBSN Health Ministry Coordinator

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF September 10-16

**Sun, Sept. 9 Intention: 8 am Marvin & Agnes Ecker
10 am St. Francis Xavier Parish
12 noon D. Walter Sapp**

Mon: Col 1:24--2:3; Gospel Lk 6:6-11

5:30pm Tues: Col 2:6-15; Gospel Lk 6:12-19

Intention: D. Leon Studzinski

8am Wed: Col 3:1-11; Gospel Lk 6:20-26

Intention: D. Doug Richie

8:30am Thurs: Col 3:12-17; Gospel Lk 6:27-38

Intention: D. Norm & Evelyn Thompson

8am Fri: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Gospel Jn 3:13-17

Intention: L & D. Fryczynski family

5 pm Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Gospel Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Intention: D. Rita Rietdorf

8am Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish

10am Intention: Joseph Andrzejewski

12noon Bay Shore: D. Peggy Palazzini, Mag. Malatesta, Sergio Mootoo

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, September 15/16, 2007

5:00 pm Tom Nagurka

8:00 am Mary Lee & Bill Huber

10:00 am Charles Spencer & Dave Schneider

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, September 15/16, 2007

5:00 pm Brian & Teresa George, Chris & George Mayer, Michelle Moose, volunteer

8:00 am Vickie Vance, Maureen McCarthy, Roger & Joyce Clark, Jim & Marianne Hoffman, Ed Collins

10:00 am Emily Daniel, Jim & Linda Venno, Lisa Rasmussen, Jim Holtz, John Zimmerman

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, September 15/16, 2007

5:00 pm Dan Cleary, Frank & Carol Ronan, Nancy Jakob, Ellen Byerlein, Mary Jane Phelan

8:00 am Roger & Joyce Clark, Lyle Eaton, Chuck & Bonnie Farrugia, Pete & Linda Kelbel, Catherine DeVet

10:00 am Pat Baier, Drew & Lisa Rust, Aleece Balchik, VandenBrink family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, September 15/16, 2007

5:00 pm Tommy Kidd, Mary Louise Mooradian, Kelly Hoffman

8:00 am Reilly Philliben, 2 Thompson's

10:00 am Drew Rust, Mia Ciccoretti, Shea Whitmore

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$418.00
Loose \$373.50
\$791.50

Liturgical Ministers - September 16, 2007

Minister of the Word: Anne Kelly
Eucharistic Minister: ERic Kessler
Server: Patrick 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.

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus says clearly ; "Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." You and Jesus can carry your cross together. Then, you can follow!

 PRAYER REQUESTS	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, 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
Fabiano Brothers*