

A Message From Fr. Denny

On Tuesday of this week (October 9) we will have a Holy Hour in the church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament from 12 - 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the Holy Hour is to pray for a respect for all human life from womb to tomb. Please join us if you can. On November 13 is scheduled another Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament for a different theme. We will do this once a month throughout the year.

The weekend of October 13 & 14 is Stewardship Sunday. In the pews will be the volunteer sign-up sheets. Select an area in the life of the parish where you would like to commit yourself. If you are already involved in any area of parish life check that (or those) areas. Add a new area if you wish.

Don't forget: the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the church. This is in addition to our regularly scheduled Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:40 p.m. Let me know if this additional time works for you.

By now you should have received in the U.S. Mail a CD and some material on Stem Cell Research. This was mailed out through the Michigan Catholic Conference. I urge you to view the CD and to read the material that came with it. Please make the effort to keep yourself informed on issues in our country that the Catholic Church takes a stand on. Don't underestimate the wisdom of the Church. Every Catholic is bound to the teaching authority of the Church. The Church does not ask for blind obedience. But listen to what the Church has to say on issues like Stem Cell Research.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 42.72
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 67.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,407.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 34.00
Endowment	\$ 17.00
Envelopes (350)	\$13,127.00
Loose	\$ 1,808.19
Total Collection Last Week	\$17,507.91

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

When will I have given enough - of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

To the Community of St. Francis Xavier Church

I wish to sincerely thank you for all of your prayers two weeks ago. I was released from the hospital 3 days after being admitted and it looks like I will have full use of my hand and arm. God truly saved me from the certain death of electrocution and protected me from all of the secondary ill effects. This was a miracle indeed.

Thank you for taking the time to pray for my family and I. Your acts of prayer will never be forgotten by me or at the Holy Altar of God.

God Bless the family of St. Francis Xavier,
Brian & Kathy Brachel and Family



Bible Study

Monday evening - 6:00 - Parish Rectory

Sacrament Preparation for 2008-2009

The process for preparing parents and children for the celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist for 2008-2009 is beginning. Invitations have been mailed to parents to attend their first meeting this month. Home schoolers are asked to call Sr. Kathy (347-2681) by Tuesday, October 9, if your child is eligible and you want him/her to be included in this process for preparation. Sacrament preparation is a two year process and Saturday/Sunday Mass participation/attendance is required.

Faith Formation Registration

Registrations are still being taken for the Faith Formation program held on Wednesday evenings for Kindergarten through grade 8 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Families must register before Wednesday. There will be no walk-in registrations on Wednesday evenings. Financial assistance is available for those who need it. Home schooling is also an option.

St. Francis Xavier/St. Francis Solanus Parish Appreciation Party

Sunday, October 14, 2007

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Petoskey K of C Hall

In recognition of all parish members, with gratitude and appreciation, for the gifts of time, talent and treasure so generously shared to fulfill the mission of the Church. Please join your fellow parishioners for some well-deserved esprit de corps and camaraderie!

Big Daddy Polka Band

Food and Refreshments Provided



Anointing Mass and Lunch

The annual Anointing Mass and Lunch will be held on Thursday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow in the parish hall. This day is hosted by the St. Francis Xavier Health Ministry in collaboration with other SFX ministries, SFX school and the Knights of Columbus. Transportation is available by calling the parish office by October 5th.

Decorating the hall will be on Wednesday evening at 6:30 for those who want to help Anyone who wishes to volunteer at the lunch should be at the hall by 8:30 a.m.

Any questions please call the parish office and leave a message for Suzanne Holguin, Health Ministry Coordinator.

Safe Harbor Family Support Group

After long study and effort a new initiative entitled "One Voice" has begun with it's mission to provide young men and women an opportunity to stabilize and build on their recovery efforts for alcohol and/or other drug dependencies, to help transition from treatment/incarceration into community life and to develop lifestyles that incur future success.

Services provided for follow-up and aftercare for 17 - 30 year old chemical dependency challenged individuals include participation with a management team, setting job goals and connections that match interests, readiness, ability and strengths and the development of a Mentoring Program designed to provide encouragement, support and resources.

An introduction to the Mentoring Program for interested potential mentors, will be offered on October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the SFX parish hall.

The Safe Harbor Family Support Group meets on the first and third Monday each month at the parish rectory at 7:00 p.m. where they strive to provide adults in families with adolescents or young adults struggling with drug or alcohol dependency a place to share their story and provide resources to increase their knowledge and understanding of addictions and connect them with people in our community who can help.

Contact Kate Winnell, 347-5557, for more information.

Tour de St. Francis

Sponsorships from businesses and individuals and Fair Parking	\$1,720
Individual and family registrations including students who solicited pledges for the big prizes	\$4,900
Expenses - rough estimate	\$3,000



This money pays for coaching salaries, equipment, tournament fees, Game Officials, and rental of the College courts for Home games and practices, also when new uniforms are needed. Thank you to all who supported and attended the Tour de St. Francis.

God Bless You All, SFX Middle School Athletic Dept.

LEARNING THE FACTS ABOUT STEM CELL RESEARCH

There are two different kinds of stem cell research: adult and embryonic. While embryonic stem cell research has received a significant amount of attention from the news media, it has failed to provide any treatments or cures. Embryonic stem cell research is also immoral as it involves the direct killing of embryos and leads to human cloning. Adult stem cells are available throughout the human body and cause no harm to the donor person. Research using adult stem cells is supported by the Church and is providing treatments, even cures, for over 70 different medical conditions. As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, let us join with our universal Church in support of adult stem cell research while working against the destruction of the human embryo. For more information visit www.stemcellresearch.org

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, October 7 from 6-8 pm in the John Paul II Youth Center for "The Mysteries of Human Life". Join us as we dive deeper into the amazing miracle of life!

Pizza & Apologetics meets this Tuesday, October 9 after the 5:30 pm Mass. Join us!

Teen Volunteers are needed to help with St. Francis Xavier's Appreciation Party on Sunday, October 14. Contact Liz to sign-up!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 27 for "Catholic Youth Day!" at the Marian Peace Conference at Boyne Mountain Resort! Cost for the day is \$15 and will include awesome talks, activities, prayer, and fellowship with other teens! The day begins bright and early at 8:30 am and concludes at 4:30 pm! Don't miss it! Contact Liz to register!

God Bless, Liz Gengle

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Right to Life of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties will be sponsoring their annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 7, from 2:30 - 3:30 pm. We will meet in the parking lot of the K of C's. Signs will be available for everyone.

The Life Chain is formed of pro-life people standing side by side along streets and highways throughout the country. In some areas the Life Chains extend for miles and miles.

The purpose of the Life Chain is to draw attention to the ultimate abuse that abortion does to the unborn child and the trauma done to women. Please join us.

All Catholic Women Invited...

As part of our Regional Convention at Boyne Mountain Resort, the Regnum Christi women of Michigan invite all women to join us for 8 am Mass with Bishop Patrick Cooney on Friday, October 12. Breakfast will follow for a small fee. Father Dennis Stilwell will be the celebrant for 8 am Mass on Saturday, October 13. Children are welcome to attend both Masses.

For information: Gloria Findling 487-9289 gfindling@aol.com

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF October 8-14

Mon: Jon 1:1--2:2, 11; Gospel Lk 10:25-37
5:30pm Tues: Jon 3:1-10; Gospel Lk 10:38-42
Intention: Fr. Tony & Pvt Zora Atherton
8am Wed: Jon 4:1-11; Gospel Lk 11:1-4
Intention: D. Sara Scholl
8:30am Thurs: Mal 3:13-20b; Gospel Lk 11:5-13
Intention: Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Turcott - 60th Wedding Anniversary
8am Fri: Jl 1:13-15; Gospel Lk 11:15-26
Intention: D. Arlene Healey
5 pm Sat: Jl 4:12-21; Gospel Lk 11:27-28
Intention: D. Carla & Lorenzo Borlenghi
8am Intention: Sandra Smith
10am Intention: D. Jerry Pasternak
12noon Bay Shore: Ardie Bonfield

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, October 13/14, 2007

5:00 pm Pat Hoffman
8:00 am Kim Philliben & Bob Rasmussen
10:00 am Mike LaVictoire & Charles Spencer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, October 13/14, 2007

5:00 pm Chris & George Mayer, Austin & Virginia Cole
8:00 am Jim & Mariann Hoffman, Bob & Sherrie Rasmussen, Gietzen, Alvaro Artaza
10:00 am Gary Toporek, Jim & Linda Beno, Bill & BJ Steffens, Lee Phillips

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, October 13/14, 2007

5:00 pm Doug & Mary Ann Caldwell & Colin, Frank & Carol Ronan, Nancy Jakab, Ellen Byerlein, Mary Jane Phelan
8:00 am Roger & Joyce Clark, Lyle & Nancy Eaton, Chuck & Bonnie Farrugia, Pete & Linda Kelbel, Catherine DeVet
10:00 am Ann Burek, Pat Baier, Lisa & Drew Rust, Aleece Balchik, VandenBrink family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, October 13/14, 2007

5:00 pm Mary Louise Mooradian, Kelly Hoffman, Brittini Daley
8:00 am Freddie Liederbach, Connor Reed, Rochelle Seeley
10:00 am Tyler Rasmussen, Jonah & Christian Chickering

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$400.00
 Loose \$204.05
 \$604.05

Liturgical Ministers - October 14, 2007

Minister of the Word: Dave Meyer
 Eucharistic Minister: Sandi Meyer
 Server: Patrick Sypniewski
 Usher: John Wiklanski
 Offering: Joan & Gus Sonnenberg

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.

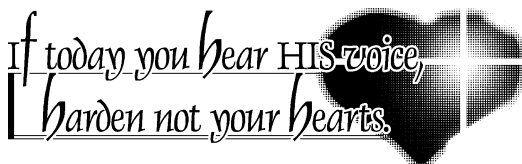
VOCATION VIEW

Oh, that today you would hear His voice! Listening brings faith; faith brings hope. Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to follow the Lord.

 PRAYER REQUESTS	Carol Reed, Samuel Theodore Kolinski, Kerri Malloy, Carolyn Rostar, Larry Shear, Pvt. Ryan Craig, 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, Molly Walenta, Paul Lacusta, May Nessen, Lewis Malec, Tom Steffel, Jerry Davis All shut-ins and those in care facilities
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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
Northwoods Hot Springs Spas Inc.