

A Message From Fr. Denny

The Adult Education/Spirituality Committee will meet on Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The Stewardship Committee will also be meeting on Thursday, November 8 at 7:00 p.m. The committee will review all of the Stewardship Commitment forms that many of you folks turned in. They will come up with a plan of action to get everybody settled in their respective ministries.

Don't forget the Holy Hour scheduled for Friday, November 9 at 12 noon. The theme will be gratitude.

The annual SFX Boosters Chili Dinner is scheduled for Monday, November 12 at the K of C Hall. Come and support our school by enjoying a nice bowl of chili and some good company.

I won't be doing my series of mini-lessons on the Sacraments before the Masses on Sundays anymore. This works when I am the only priest on duty. However, perhaps something in the weekly bulletin in my column will somewhat make up for it. I'll try it beginning in a week or two.

Community Soon!!!



What Do You Know About the Season of Advent?

We are planning to have a "Whole Community Catechesis" event Sunday, November 25 after the 10:00 Mass. This is offered to our entire parish including senior citizens, married couples, single adults, families, parents with or without children and anyone else from first grade to 100 plus years old.

The theme for this first time event will be "Advent." Following the 10:00 a.m. Mass we will proceed to the Parish Hall for a meal followed by a general presentation by Fr. Denny and small group discussions. We will then come together for a general discussion with the entire group and proceed to church for a final prayer and ritual. The schedule will take about two and one half hours. A minimal donation of \$10 is requested. Those with more than two in a family may donate more.

The first 125 people to sign up for this event will be included November 25. The deadline for signing up is Monday, November 12. So mark your calendars. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to discover why we do what we do during the season of Advent and to hear about other opportunities to prepare for the "coming of Christ."

*****Though registration forms were in last week's bulletin, forms are available in the Parish Office. the deadline to register is November 12*****

STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 48.55
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 40.00
Building Fund	\$ 705.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ --
Endowment	\$ 25.00
Envelopes (340)	\$13,106.00
Loose	\$ 1,230.20
Total Collection Last Week	\$14,614.75
Mission Sunday	\$ 3,882.75

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

We are called to be good stewards of our personal vocations. St. Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians is therefore ours, too "that our God may make (us) worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."

You are welcome to come to our **Weekly Bible Study**. We meet Mondays from 6pm to 7pm in the Parish Office.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Come and learn about the Catholic Faith with our weekly RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meetings. These meetings are intended to give a firm foundation in the Faith, answer your questions about Catholic beliefs, and guide those seeking to come closer to Christ through the Church. The meetings began in September and are held on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm. If you are interested, contact Deacon Paul or Deacon Dennis at 347-4133.

Baptism Prep Class

Saturday, November 10, 8:30 am 
Parish Rectory

SFX Boosters Chili Dinner
Monday, November 12, 5 - 7 p.m.

K of C Hall

\$6 7 & Under free At the door \$7
Available at the school office

"Recollections with Frather Lorenzo Gomez, LC"

Spiritually Formative Talks at St. Francis Xavier Parish Rectory

For men: Sunday, November 11 at 7:00 pm

For women: Monday, November 12 following 8:00 am Mass

Babysitting and Refreshments provided

For information please call: Gloria Findling 487-9289

e-mail: gmfindling@aol.com

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 4, 2007

"St. Francis School Direct Sales Holiday Expo"



November 5th & 6th

"Catalogs Available"

Before School - 7:45 am - 8:30 am

After School - 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

The participating consultants will be donating their base commission to assist in funding our children's assembly programs!

Free product values earned from our purchases will also benefit our auction!

Sign up to host a party with one of our vendors before December 15th and the vendor will automatically donate \$25 to Booster's! Invite your friends and earn free products for yourself!

SFX Expo questions or interested in participating next year contact: MaryFran Kolp 582-4247! Thank you for your support!

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, November 4 from 6-8pm for "A Guide through the Mass" with Fr. Joe! Teens will certainly grow and deepen their understanding of the Mass through Fr. Joe's instruction. Don't miss it!

Pizza & Apologetics will be held this Tuesday, November 6 from 6:00-7:30pm. Join us as we journey through the ten most significant dates in Church History. This Tuesday's topic will be "496 AD: The Baptism of Clovis Gives Birth to France".

Sign-ups are taking place now for "St. Cecilia's Coffeehouse" - our 3rd Annual Musical Talent Show that the whole parish is invited to attend! The Coffeehouse is set for Sunday, November 18 from 6-8pm. Teens are encouraged to sign-up early! Plan on joining us for a fun and relaxing evening with a good cup of coffee!

God Bless, Liz Gengle

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Attention Men of the Parish: The Knights of Columbus of SFX Council #923 are sponsoring a Men's only Silent Spiritual Retreat Weekend at the Augustine Center on December 7-9. The retreat is preached by the Priests of Miles Christi order, from the Archdiocese of Detroit, according to the method of St. Ignatius of Loyola on his book *Spiritual Exercises*. If growing in holiness is your personal goal this is your chance to get started or continue your journey. For information contact Knights Bob Rasmussen 487-0490 or Adam Willson (co-organizers).

Keep Christ in Christmas by sending religious cards. Purchase from the Knights of Columbus after each Mass through November 11th.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

What must happen within your family to hear, "Today salvation has come to this house?????" It is simple, just imitate Zaccheus who took care of the poor. The poor are our path of salvation. We need them as much as they need us.

LIFE MATTERS

The administration of food and water even by artificial means is, in principle, an ordinary and proportionate means of preserving life. It is therefore obligatory to the extent to which, and for as long as, it is shown to accomplish its proper finality, which is the hydration and nourishment of the patient. In this way suffering and death by starvation are prevented.

-- Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Responses to Certain Questions Concerning Artificial Nutrition and Hydration, August 1, 2007

Baked Potato Luncheon

Friday, November 9

11:30am - 1:30 pm

St. Matthew Church

Boyne City



Menu includes baked potato with all the fixings, hot dogs, chili, dessert and beverage. Cost is by donation.

Sacrament Prep So that you can mark your calendar, the next Sacrament Prep meeting for the 2008/2009 families is Thursday, February 21. You will receive a letter as a reminder. The makeup meeting for Oct. 18 is this Monday, Nov. 5.

CHS ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY

Catholic Human Services is looking for married couples in northern Michigan who are interested in domestic infant adoption. The Traverse City agency has experienced a decline in adoptive applicants while the number of child placements in the program has remained steady over recent years. Interested married couples who live in northern Lower Michigan are encouraged to call Catholic Human Services at 231.947.8110.

TAKE A CLASS ON US!

The Center for Catholic Studies is offering the opportunity for individuals to take a class free of charge until July 31, 2008. The Center is the umbrella under which all classes, workshops and seminars are held by the Diocese of Gaylord. Most classes are completed in one or two days and may be taken for credit toward one of the certificate programs or simply for one's own personal enrichment. Lunch is typically included. To participate in the free offer, a coupon must be presented or individuals may request one at the time of registration. (Registrations already processed do not qualify and the free offer does not include books which may be necessary.) Brochures are printed periodically which describe the current classes and information is also available on the diocesan website or by calling the Center for Catholic Studies at 989.732.5147.

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF November 5-11

Mon: Rom 11:29-36; Gospel Lk 14:12-14
8am Intention: *D. Betty Watson*
5:30pm Tues: Rom 12:1-16ab; Gospel Lk 14:15-24
Intention: *D. Ann Beer*
8am Wed: Rom 13:8-10; Gospel Lk 14:25-33
Intention: *D. JoAnn Zmikly*
8:30am Thurs: Rom 14:7-12; Gospel Lk 15:1-10
Intention: *L & D. Fryczynski family*
8am Fri: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Gospel Jn 2:13-22
Intention: *D. Jack & Stella Wodek*
5 pm Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Gospel Lk 16:9-15
Intention: *St. Francis Xavier Parish*
Sun: 2Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Thes 2:16-3:5; Gospel Lk 20:27-38
8am Intention: *D. Rita Rietdorf*
10am Intention: *D. Joseph & Ann Schneider*
12noon Bay Shore: *St. Francis Solanus Parish*

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, November 10/11, 2007

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, November 10/11, 2007

5:00 pm Rob & Kim Kronberg, Austin & Virginia Cole, Audrey Mania, Joanie Vargo
8:00 am Ann & Larry Hendricks, Maureen McCarthy, Mary Putters, Gietzen, Carol Schwartzfisher, Denn Nason
10:00 am Lee Phillips, Gunner Deery, Lisa Scholl, Gary Toporek, Sally Spring, John Zimmerman

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, November 10/11, 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, Chuch & Bonnie Farrugia, Pete & Linda Kelbel, Catherine DeVet
10:00 am Ann Burek, Lisa Rust & Drew, Aleece Balchik, VandenBrink family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, November 10/11, 2007

5:00 pm Will Barnwell, Kelly Powers, Will Klooster
8:00 am Freddie Liederbach, Connor Reed, Rochelle Seeley
10:00 am Tyler Rasmussen, Tom & Joe LeBlanc

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes	\$338.00
Loose	<u>\$197.52</u>
	\$535.52
Mission Sunday	\$406.00

Liturgical Ministers - November 11, 2007
 Minister of the Word: Mae Charbeneau
 Eucharistic Minister: Dave Meyer
 Server: Patrick 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 VIEW

Do whatever is necessary to see Jesus: climb a tree, make a retreat, confess your sins, read His life, help an enemy, say a prayer. He will stay with you today.

 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, Frank & Gertrude Kline, Lois Brinkel, Mary Ketchman, Ralph Kilpatrick, Betty Riley, Casie Parker, 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, Tom Steffel, Andrew Francis 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
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
Coveyou Computer Services