

**He is not
a God of
the dead,
but of the
living.**

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Imagine life below the poverty line, where one in eight Americans struggles every day to hang on. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development helps people to create permanent solutions to the problem of poverty in their communities. Next weekend in many dioceses across the country, a special collection will be taken. In the Diocese of Gaylord, this collection is part of the annual Catholic Services Appeal. Visit povertyusa.org to learn more.

Music Notes 

The Advent season is fast approaching and the choirs have been busy rehearsing Advent and Christmas music. Beginning in December we (congregation and choirs) will be singing the Kyrie and Agnus Dei in Latin, and we will also sing the Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and the Amen from the Mass of Light. During the Christmas season we'll sing the Glory to God and the Lamb of God from the Mass of Light as well. Most of you are familiar with this Mass setting, so it won't be brand new to us. The congregation singing at SFX continues to improve, and I make a conscious effort to play hymns and psalm responses in keys/ranges that are comfortable for your voices. We'll be singing some new music during Advent, but for Christmas we'll enjoy the traditional carols of the season. God bless each of you and your families as we look forward to this beautiful season of anticipation.

Celle Lints
Music Director

Whole Community Catechesis

We are still taking registrations for the parish community gathering Sunday, November 25 after the 10:00 Mass. Registration forms are available at all the church entrances and the Parish Office.

Fir Tree Branches Needed

Branches are needed for our "Whole Community Catechesis" event November 25 and our Family Night November 28. If you have fir tree branches (spruce, balsam, etc.) or cedar branches, will you please bring them and leave them outside the Gathering Space November 23 or November 24? The branches will be used to make Advent Wreaths. Thank You.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 82.54
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 108.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,215.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 598.00
Endowment	\$ 60.00
Envelopes (364)	\$15,521.00
Loose	\$ 1,318.07
Total Collection Last Week	\$21,902.61
All Saint's Day	\$ 2,584.41

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened "in every good deed and word." May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

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High School Youth Group

High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, November 12 from 6-8pm for "The Four Last Things" with Fr. Denny Stilwell.

Sign-ups are going on now for St. Cecilia's Coffeehouse on Sunday, November 18 - call Liz Gengle to register at 347-4133! Families and parishioners are invited to attend! Please bring a dessert to share.

Pizza & Apologetics meets on Tuesday Nights after the 5:30 pm Mass at St. Francis. Our topic for this Tuesday is "The Coronation of Charlemagne, Father of Christendom".

Special thanks to all those who rented tables through our High School Youth Group for the Mom-to-Mom sale on November 3. Thanks to all the shoppers who came through and the teens and adults who lent a hand to help out!

God Bless,
Liz Gengle

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Habitat For Humanity

The house our parish has helped build this summer and fall is nearing completion. If all goes well Melissa Daniels and her two young daughters will be moving into their new home in time for Thanksgiving. Thanks to all the parishioners who have contributed your time, talent and treasure to this inspiring project. Special Thanks to parishioners at Norm's Roofing, Bear River Electric, and Contractors Supply, as well as Erwin Doublestein and Jim Hill for their extraordinary efforts.

There is some final painting and cleaning to do, so a workbee is scheduled for Monday night. Last chance to help on this house! Please call Fred at 347-8646 or Jim at 526-5716 for details.

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 in Conway on December 7-9, 2007. 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 and 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).



Retreat on the Angels

hosted by Fr. Libby

Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Cedar

November 16

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Adoration with confession, Holy Mass, Talk

November 17

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Holy Mass, 3 Talks, Q & A, Lunch (please RSVP)

November 18

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Conclusion

The guest speaker will be Father Matthew Hincks, a priest from the Canons Regular of the Holy Cross, whose seminary in Brazil specialize in the Work of the Holy Angels. They travel the country and the world giving retreats, workshops and opportunities to people who desire to consecrate themselves to their Guardian Angel or just increase their knowledge of the Heavenly Host. This is a once in a lifetime, excellent opportunity for the whole family and is open to all parishes and to the general public. Contact Kathy Mousseau 943-5045 or kmousseau@highmountep.com with RSVP or questions.

Religious Christmas Cards

On sale after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday, October 20-November 11 by the Knights of Columbus to raise money for the support of vocations in the Diocese and to assist restoration of St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church. Please help **Keep Christ in Christmas** by sending religious cards as an evangelization message from you. We will be selling cards at Bay Shore and the Sacrentine's after their Mass also. K of C representatives will also be accepting applications from prospective members after the Liturgies.

A dog had followed his owner to school. His owner was a fourth grader at a public elementary school. However, when the bell rang, the dog sidled inside the building and made it all the way to the child's classroom before a teacher noticed and shoo'd him outside, closing the door behind him. The dog sat down, whimpered and stared at the closed doors. Then God appeared beside the dog, patted his head, and said, "Don't feel bad fella...they won't let ME in either."

Brother Dan's Food Pantry Update

"The greatest gift that we can give is the gift of ourselves. It is through this outward sign of compassion that God can be felt and seen. Our Christianity is shared with others through our gift of generosity."

October 28 marked Br. Dan's Food Pantry's 4th Anniversary! Sometimes it is hard to believe how quickly time has gone by. We truly have been blessed to have been able to serve 1,553 different families at least once since we have been open. Quoting Fr. Denny, "it is the greatest gift that we can give, when we give of ourselves to help other." If you have shared a prayer for us, donated food or money or volunteered hours, so many people thank you. This week we will be handing out our Thanksgiving meal to our clients. You can be sure that each of you will be remembered as they sit down at their Thanksgiving tables. Thank you for helping us help others!

The new floors in our halls have been busy! Last week we celebrated our anniversary with a new record number of families using our pantry. In one week alone, we served 101 families!!! That brings our totals for the last two weeks to 186 different families served which reflects 654 people. We served 19 new families.

Thank you to everyone who shared with the pantry this month during November's Pantry Sunday. We received a grocery cart full of food and \$1,190.10 from the parishioners of St. Francis Solanus, the Sacramentines and all 3 Masses at St. Francis Xavier.

Almost 100 volunteers joined us for our annual volunteer appreciation dinner this week. The theme this year was "A Night With The Stars." Thank you to everyone who helped put this special event together.

Come enjoy the Emmet County Craft show on Saturday, November 24. The pantry will be hosting a concession booth. Proceeds from the craft show and concessions will go to our pantry. The craft show will be at the Emmet County Fairgrounds. Watch for us also on the same day in Petoskey's Annual Stafford's Christmas parade. Br. Dan's Pantry will have a float. If you'd like to join us on the float, give us a call!

Our free lunch program on Tuesday's from 12:00 until 1:00 pm is going great. Come on over if you'd like to join us! We are always looking for new smiling faces to help at the pantry. If you are interested in helping for a couple of hours or maybe would just like a tour, give us a call. (347-7423)

Thank you and God bless you!

For all we do, we do in His name.

"Recollections with Father Lorenzo Gomez, LC"

Spiritually Formative talks at St. Francis Xavier Parish Rectory

For men: Sunday, November 11 at 7pm

For women: Monday, November 12 following 8 am Mass

Babysitting and Refreshments provided

For information please call: Gloria Findling 487-9289

e-mail: gmfindling@aol.com

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF November 12-18

8 am Mon: Wis 1:1-7; Gospel Lk 17:1-6
Intention: D. Dorothy Dzedzie

5:30pm Tues: Wis 2:23-3:9; Gospel Lk 17:7-10
Intention: D. Linda Gardner

8am Wed: Wis 6:1-11; Gospel Lk 17:11-19
Intention: D. JoAnn Zmikly

8:30am Thurs: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Gospel Lk 17:20-25
Intention: L. & D. Fryczynski family

8am Fri: Wis 13:1-9; Gospel Lk 17:26-37
Intention: Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Turcott

5 pm Sat: Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Gospel Lk 18:1-8
Intention: D. Earl Kalchik

Sun: Mal 3:19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Gospel Lk 21:5-19

8am Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish
10am Intention: D. Joan Serda
12noon Bay Shore: St. Francis Solanus Parish

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, November 17/18, 2007

5:00 pm Pat Hoffman
8:00 am Mary Lee & Bill Huber
10:00 am Rachel Brooks & Dave Schneider

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, November 17/18, 2007

5:00 pm Sue Levitte, Brian & Teresa George, Michelle Moose, Chris & George Mayer
8:00 am Bob & Sherrie Rasmussen, Sylvia Studzinski, Carla Kanine, Ed Collins, Marielle Rehmann
10:00 am Sue Fifer, Suzanne Holguin, Sally Parish, Emily Daniel, Marsey Shuman

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, November 17/18, 2007

5:00 pm Greg & Marie Law & family, 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, Eric & Chris Daniel & family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, November 17/18, 2007

5:00 pm Alex & Chris Pionk, Kelly Hoffman
8:00 am Lisa Dinon, 2 Thompson's
10:00 am Ian Burke, Jonah & Christian Chickering

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$390.00
 Loose \$322.50
 \$712.50

Liturgical Ministers - November 18, 2007

Minister of the Word: Bill Blackburn
 Eucharistic Minister: Sandi Meyer
 Server: Joey Sypniewski
 Usher: Dave Meyer
 Offering: Audrey & Clint Etienne

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.

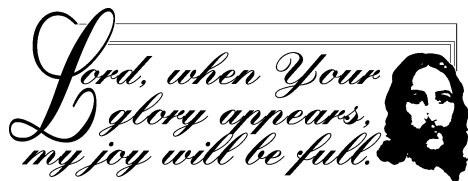
VOCATION VIEW

As the Church-year comes to a close, may the Lord Jesus strengthen your heart for every good work and word. May you live your vocation.

 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, Martin & Carol Beer 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
Marian Center Gift Shop