

A Message From Fr. Denny

Please note that Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday at 8:00 a.m. The parish offices will, of course, be closed. The Adoration Chapel will also be closed on Friday after Thanksgiving.

I will be going home to my family for Thanksgiving. Fr. Eyob has been invited to Thanksgiving dinner by a family in the parish. My thanks to all those who have been so welcoming to Fr. Eyob, inviting him to their homes, taking him on tours of the area, and, in general, being very gracious and helpful to him.

A lot of people are asking about the Church's position on cremation. I have enclosed a brochure that will answer your questions. Keep it handy for future reference. In short, the Church no longer prohibits cremation. But read the brochure for all the important details.

By the way, the Tuesday Mass this week will be at 8:30 a.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. Since the school children will be off on Wednesday-Friday the school Mass will be on Tuesday morning.

This morning (Tuesday) I received a check for \$10,000, a grant, from the Raskob Foundation in Wilmington, Delaware for our Indian Mission restoration project. My thanks to Dick Clark of our parish who wrote the grant request. This money is a big help to us in paying bills for work that has been completed. We have yet to add the bell tower, the large cross, and the interior restoration. Our goal is to have the project completed by the end of June, 2008. Your buying of our Christmas cards and your donations will help us meet our end of June goal.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 64.82
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 4,030.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 148.00
Endowment	\$ 5.00
Envelopes (366)	\$14,398.00
Loose	\$ 1,334.47
Mission Sunday	\$ 125.00
Total Collection Last Week	\$20,125.29

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

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.



Fir Tree Branches Needed

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



Pancake Breakfast

High School Youth Group

"Buttermilk Pancakes with a variety of delicious toppings, sausage, coffee, juice"

Sunday, December 2, 2007

After the 8 & 10 am Morning Masses at St. Francis Xavier
Proceeds to benefit High School Youth Program

Cost: Adults: \$5 Children 6-12: \$3

Children 5 & Under: Free!

LIFE MATTERS

The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right – it is the very opposite. It is "a deep wound in society," as the late Cardinal Franz Koenig never tired of repeating.

-- Pope Benedict XVI, Address to Authorities and Diplomatic Corps, Vienna, Sept. 7, 2007

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In the gospel Jesus was asked "for a sign." We are comfortable with signs for they often speak louder than words. Our family knows the "signs" when we are angry, upset or worried. We may deny it, but they know.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 18, 2007

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HighSchoolYouthGroup

St. Cecilia's Coffeehouse is this Sunday, November 18 from 6-8 pm in St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall. All teens, their families, and parishioners are invited to attend this fun evening where "youth, faith, and music meet"! Teens are asked to bring a dessert to share! Those performing are asked to arrive at 5:45 pm.

Pizza & Apologetics meets this Tuesday, November 20 from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm. Our topic this Tuesday is "910 AD: The Founding of Cluny and the Revival of Religious Life". Join us!

High School Youth Group will not meet on Sunday, November 25 because of the Thanksgiving Weekend Holiday. Enjoy the time with your families! We will meet again on November 27 for Pizza & Apologetics and for a Pancake Breakfast at St. Francis on December 2 after the 8 & 10 am Masses!

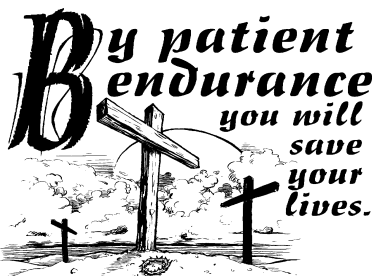
In Christ, Liz Gengle

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*We gather together
to ask the Lord's blessings
To worship the Father
through Jesus, his Son.*



*With voices united
our praises we offer
And gladly our songs
of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us
your strong arm will guide us
To you, our great Redeemer,
Forever be praised*



Monday	8:00 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	8:00 am

Emmet County Parks & Recreation Department
Holiday Arts, Crafts & Gift Show
November 24 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Community Service Building at the Fairgrounds
 Admission is \$1 or a canned good for Br. Dan's Pantry
 Concessions will be handled by Br. Dan's Pantry

CHS ADOPTION OPTION

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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Life at the poverty line leaves nearly 40 million Americans hanging on for dear life—hanging on to feed their families and to keep a roof over their heads. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports self-help projects of people working together to break the cycle of poverty. In the Diocese of Gaylord, you make a difference by giving to the annual Catholic Services Appeal—to find out more, visit povertyusa.org.

St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Renovation Committee

will be selling their Christmas cards featuring the little church after all Masses. Proceeds benefit the renovation fund.

Also, remember to purchase your large pizza from Jet's Pizza each Wednesday evening from 4 to 10 pm now through December 19. Jet's will donate \$1 from each sale to the renovation fund.

Attention Men of the Parish: The Knights of Columbus of St. Francis Xavier Council #923 are sponsoring a Men's only Silent Spiritual Retreat Weekend at the Augustine Center in Conway 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 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).

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF November 19-25

8 am Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Gospel Lk 18:35-43

Intention: D. Dorothy Dzedzie

8:30am Tues: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Gospel Lk 19:1-10

Intention: L. Marie Sheets

8am Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Gospel Lk 19:11-28

Intention: Marian Center

8am Thurs: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Gospel Lk 19:41-44

Intention:

8am Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Gospel Lk

Intention: Margaret I. Caird

5 pm Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Gospel Lk 20:27-40

Intention: D. Lorezo Carla Borlemghi

Sun: 2 Sm 5; 1-3; Col 1:12-20; Gospel Lk 23:35

8am Intention: *D. Stephen & Rose Kolinsky*

10am Intention: *St. Francis Xavier Parish*

12noon Bay Shore: *St. Francis Solanus Parish*

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, November 24/25, 2007

5:00 pm Tom Nagurka

8:00 am John Parker & Norm Bennett

10:00 am Dick Ruemenapp & Julie Gudmunsen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, November 24/25, 2007

5:00 pm Joanie Vargo, Austin & Virginia Cole, Rob & Kim Kronberg, Audrey Mania

8:00 am Bill & Mary Lee Huber, Roger & Joyce Clark, Joan Annable, Mary Tonge, Vickie Vance

10:00 am Bud & Mary Riley, Bob & Barb Fate, Bill & BJ Steffens

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, November 24/25, 2007

5:00 pm Barbara Mayer, Jennifer Mayer, Audrey Mania, Annette Hannan, Margaret Pennell

8:00 am Gordon & Carolyn Bourland, Dean & Nancy Jo Eaton, Rob & Kim Kronberg, Jean Blanz, Sue Lawry, Ollive Hoffman, Marielle Rehmman

10:00 am Sally Parish, Joan Shear, Jennifer Muller, Roy & Mary Ellen Pulaski, Theresa Golding, Bob & Barb Fate

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, November 24/25, 2007

5:00 pm Erik & Adam Hosler, Taylor Ide

8:00 am Craig Schoenith, Luke Tillotson, Austin Willson

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

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$360.00
Loose \$295.38
\$657.38

Liturgical Ministers - November 25, 2007

Minister of the Word: Sandi Meyer
Eucharistic Minister: Eric Kessler
Server: Michael Sypniewski
Usher: Gus Sonnenberg
Offering: Mae & Dave Charbeneau

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

You know that at the end of earth-time, every thing will be rubble. Be sure there is a monument to your earth-love in heaven. Listen to Jesus.

 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

The LORD comes to Rule the EARTH with JUSTICE.

*Sponsor of the Week
Tim Bondy*