

**A Message From Fr. Denny**



The priests of the Petoskey Vicariate met recently to, among other things, set up a schedule for celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. The schedule is printed below, so please choose one of the indicated dates and locations. Remember, we Catholics have a spirituality that centers around the Sacrament of Penance regularly. That means at least twice a year, Advent and Lent. But all Catholics are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the grace of this sacrament more frequently. When I was a kid it was once a month.

I will be meeting with the Adoration Committee this week. We are in need of more folks to commit themselves to a particular hour once a week to spend in the Adoration Chapel. The condition for having an Adoration Chapel is that during every hour there are a minimum of two adorers present. We are falling a little short of that. If you have never taken advantage of the Adoration Chapel you are missing a beautiful experience. Try it out for yourselves. It is not something that I can explain adequately to you. You just have to experience it.

Altar Servers are being trained. If there are boys and girls out there who are at least in the fourth grade and they are willing to commit to a Mass Serving schedule we would welcome you. Call my office for your training schedule.

The Parish Pastoral Council meets on Thursday of this week, November 29.

**Penance Services**

**December 10 7pm Holy Childhood**  
**December 11 7pm St. Francis Xavier**  
**December 13 7pm St. Matthews**  
**December 14 12noon St. Francis Xavier**

**Br. Dan's Pumpkin Pies**

It has been discovered that a number of pumpkin pies sold last weekend were missing some of their sugar!! If you were the recipient of one of these pies, you are entitled to a refund. Please let us know who you are. We are truly sorry for this unfortunate mistake and promise you that **extreme** vigilance will be used in the future.

**FREE Money for our School & Parish!!**

Come join us for a brief presentation to learn how to use the new Scrip program to earn money for your child's tuition, SFX school and parish at NO cost to you.

**When: November 27 7 pm SHARP**

**Where: SFX School Assembly Room**

Call Deborah Gagnon with any questions:  
347-3748.



**STEWARDSHIP**

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

<b>Kids Coins For Kids</b>	<b>\$ 52.49</b>
<b>Cemetery Maintenance Fund</b>	<b>\$ 46.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 4,048.50</b>
<b>Tuition Angel Fund</b>	<b>\$ 42.50</b>
<b>Endowment</b>	<b>\$ 33.50</b>
<b>Envelopes (374)</b>	<b>\$11,110.50</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 1,026.58</b>
<b>Total Collection Last Week</b>	<b>\$16,360.07</b>

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

Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of my life?

**Prayers for Clergy & Religious for December**

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| 1-Pope Benedict XVI            | 16-Fr. Alexander Boruta, ofm |
| 2-Fr. Miro Wiese, ofm          | 17-Fr. James Brucksch        |
| 3-Fr. Chad Zielinski           | 18-Fr. Andrew Buvala, ofm    |
| 4-Fr. Robert Zuchowski         | 19-Deceased Priests          |
| 5-Religious Brothers & Sisters | 20-Fr. Patrick Cawley        |
| 6-Fr. William Zwiefka          | 21-Fr. Anthony Citro         |
| 7-Fr. Richard Baranski, ofm    | 22-Fr. Michael Conner        |
| 8-Fr. James Barrand            | 23-Fr. Raymond Cotter        |
| 9-Fr. James Bearss             | 24-All Seminarians           |
| 10-Bishop Patrick Cooney       | 25-Fr. Anthony Cureton       |
| 11-Fr. Stanislaw Bereda        | 26-Fr. Robbie Deka           |
| 12-Fr. Robert Bissot           | 27-Fr. James Doherty         |
| 13-Fr. Joseph Blasko           | 28-Fr. Thomas Dominiak       |
| 14-Fr. Lawrence Boks           | 29-Fr. Charles Donajkowski   |
| 15-All Deacons                 | 30-Fr. Artur Duchnowicz      |
|                                | 31-Fr. Phillip Dupuis        |



**St. Francis Xavier School Celebrates 125 Year Anniversary**

The celebration will begin on the school's birthday, January 9, 2008. Anyone who would like to share photos or other school memorabilia during this time of celebration is asked to drop items at the school office. Please be sure they are marked with your name, address and phone number if you would like them returned.

Watch for planning updates in this column and also at the school website [www.petoskeystfrancis.com](http://www.petoskeystfrancis.com).

**Confirmation/First Eucharist Enrollment**

At all the Liturgies next weekend, the youth in the Confirmation Preparation Program will formally be enrolled as candidates in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The names of these candidates will be posted at the church entrances. You are invited to take the name of a candidate to pray for during this time of preparation. You are encouraged to take the name of someone you don't know to broaden your encounter with your parish community. Besides the candidate's name and address, there will be a picture of the candidate so that you will be able to recognize him or her. It is helpful to visualize a person as you pray for them. Thank you for your support of these candidates. It is the entire parish that assists our youth in preparation for the sacrament as well as the formal faith formation meetings for our youth and their parents.

Celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation means that one embraces the Catholic faith fully. The sacrament completes the initiation into the Catholic Church. To embrace the Catholic faith is to embrace its teachings and practices. Those of us who are confirmed model for our youth that worshipping together every Sunday is important to our spiritual life. Serving others, praying daily, and continuing to grow in our faith is essential. May each of us renew our own baptismal promises to follow Jesus and the example he set while on earth as is written in the Scriptures.

Celebrating the sacrament of Eucharist means that one not only receives the Body and Blood of Christ, but embraces another sacrament of initiation in the Catholic faith. Those of us who are fully initiated model for our youth that worshipping together every Sunday and sharing in the Eucharist are important to our spiritual life. May each of us renew our own baptismal promises to follow Jesus and the example he set while on earth as is written in the Scriptures. Sr. Kathy

**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 Nov. 24/25? Thank You.

**Workshops for Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying Anointing and Viaticum**

Tuesday, December 4

10:30am to 12:30 pm-St. Augustine, Boyne Falls

6:30pm to 8:30pm- St. Matthews, Boyne City

Call the Worship Office at 989-705-3523 to register by phone or email Judy at jabeel@dioceseofgaylord.org with name, location and time. Pre-registration is required.

**Little Traverse Choral Society Concerts**

Saturday, Dec. 1 8pm Petoskey United Methodist Church

Sunday, Dec. 2 4pm Cross In the Woods

Tickets available at Chamber of Commerce & from singers.

Adults: \$10 Students and children 12 & over: \$6

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**HighSchoolYouthGroup**

Great job to all the teens who shared their musical gifts at St. Cecilia's Coffeeshouse last Sunday! We had a fun variety of musical instruments and vocals; including the guitar, banjo, piano, violin, and fiddle. Special thanks to all the parents and parishioners who came to support the teens and to the teens who came to support their fellow youth group members! The desserts were delicious-thanks to all those who brought one to share!

Reminder: No High School Youth Group Meeting this Sunday, November 25 due to the long Thanksgiving Weekend. Enjoy the evening with your families!

We meet again for Pizza & Apologetics this Tuesday, November 27 after the 5:30 pm Mass in the John Paul II Youth Center.

A Sports Night Open Gym for teens and their families is planned for Friday, November 30 from 5-6:30pm at North Central Michigan College. Medical Release Form and Permission slip required. Contact Liz Gengle if you are able to attend!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST! Teens and parents are needed to help with our Advent Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 2 after the 8 & 10 am Morning Mass at St. Francis Xavier. We will also be having a bake sale during our breakfast. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies! Food Preparation begins at 7:30 am. Let Liz Gengle know when you will be able to help with this delicious endeavor!

Happy Feast of Christ the King!

Liz Gengle

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**St. Francis Xavier Dad's Club**



The first annual Dad's Club membership drive was a success. More Dad's are being sought to join this club.

There are plans being made for another meeting before the end of February. Date and location are yet to be determined. Various club positions will be voted on. Watch for the announcement.

If anyone has any questions or if you know Dad's who want to join they can contact Alan Budnick by email [aborthosport@charterinternet.com](mailto:aborthosport@charterinternet.com). Dues are \$50 which includes a SFX Dad's Club shirt. There is a mailbox in the school office where you can drop off a check for \$50 made out to St. Francis Dad's Club along with your name, phone number, shirt size and email address.



**Don't Forget!!**

**Pantry Weekend December 1 & 2**

**SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF Nov. 26-Dec. 2**

**8 am Mon:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Gospel Lk 21:1-4  
*Intention: D. May Nessen*

**5:30pm Tues:** Dn 1:31-45; Gospel Lk 21:5-11  
*Intention: D. Violet Smith*

**8am Wed:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 1-17, 23-28; Gospel Lk 21:12-19  
*Intention: D. Arnold (Pete) Hofmann*

**8:30am Thurs:** Dn 6:12-28; Gospel Lk 21:20-28  
*Intention: Sarah Fettig*

**8am Fri:** Rom 10:9-18; Gospel Mt 4:18-22  
*Intention: D. Frank M. Lemanski*

**5 pm Sat:** Dn 7:15-27; Gospel Lk 21:34-36  
*Intention: D. Jack & Stella Wodek*

**Sun:** Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Gospel Mt 24:37-44  
*8am Intention: D. Genevieve Sawicki*  
*10am Intention: D. George & Anna Bednarik*  
*12noon Bay Shore: St. Francis Solanus Parish*

**LECTORS**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 1/2, 2007**

**5:00 pm** Linda Ward  
**8:00 am** Kolleen Homuth & Bill Kanine  
**10:00 am** Jody VanSlembrouck & Brian Brachel

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 1/2, 2007**

**5:00 pm** Chris & George Mayer, Stan & Margaret Borowski, Sue Levitte, Michelle Moose  
**8:00 am** Joan Annable, Mary Putters, Denn Nason, Carol Schwartzfisher, Gietzen, Frank & Julie Holzschu  
**10:00 am** Gunner Deery, Margene Fennell, Lee Phillips, Sally Spring, Jim Holtz, John Zimmerman

**GREETERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 1/2, 2007**

**5:00 pm** Mike & Joanie Vargo & family, George & Chris Mayer, Carl Powers & family  
**8:00 am** Ed & Peg Collins, Shari Hoek, Terry Bennett, Bil & Carla Kanine, Joan Annable  
**10:00 am** Jeff & Shawn Haven, Aaron & Rachel Brooks & family, Dean & Cheryl Fleury, Mary DeAgostino, Annette Fettig

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 1/2, 2007**

**5:00 pm** Brandon, Christopher & Joseph Kargol  
**8:00 am** Reilly Philliben, 2 Thompson's  
**10:00 am** Isabel Ceniza, Aspen Williams, Morgan Davis

**St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore**

Envelopes \$ 260.00  
 Loose \$ 895.75  
 \$1,155.75

**Liturgical Ministers - December 2, 2007**

Minister of the Word: Dave Meyer  
 Eucharistic Minister: Eric Kessler  
 Server: Tim Sysko  
 Usher: John Wiklanski  
 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**

**Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honor, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim His Good News? It must be YOU!**

 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, Jerry Brown, Laura Ilenich, Gregg Hosler, 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
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



**Let us go rejoicing to the House of the LORD!**

*Sponsor of the Week  
 The Clothes Post*