

A Message From Fr. Denny


Please note the Christmas Mass schedule so that our answering system will not be overwhelmed with phone calls. Our office will be closed on Christmas Eve and on New Year's Eve. The 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve will be crowded. If you plan on attending either of these Masses you would do well to come early. The Christmas program for the 10:00 p.m. Mass will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. Mass at Bay Shore will also be crowded.


At the 2007 Dinner/Auction last winter the front pew on the left side of the church facing the sanctuary was auctioned off for the two Christmas Eve Masses. The pew for the 5:00 p.m. Mass is reserved for the Wally & Margy Kidd family, and the pew for the 10:00 p.m. Mass is reserved for the Frank & Barb Gotts family. My thanks to them for their support of our school through the Dinner/Auction.

Speaking of the Dinner/Auction, tickets for the event this year will be \$125, \$25 more than last year. We are making it more upscale. It will be a sit down dinner with your meal served to you at your table. This way everybody will be served at approximately the same time. No more waiting for your table to take its turn going through the food line. We have room for about 260 dinner guests. Your chance to purchase a dinner ticket will be coming up in January. Of course, raffle tickets are still available.

By the way, since the end of the tax year is just around the corner and if you want to make a donation of \$1,000,000 (or more or less) for our debt reduction, I will graciously accept your gift. Perhaps you want to become a member of my \$1,000 club. A couple dozen of you have already. I am eager to add more names to this special club.

Finally, thank you for all your well wishes and prayers for both myself and Fr. Eyob. Your kindness to us is deeply noticed and appreciated.

	
	Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve:	5 & 10 pm with special music half an hour before each 7 pm at St. Francis Solanus in Bay Shore
Christmas Day:	8 & 10 am
New Year's Day:	9 & 11 am



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

Kids Coins For Kids	\$ 54.09
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	\$ 12.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,370.00
Tuition Angel Fund	\$ 75.00
Endowment	\$ 32.00
Envelopes ()	\$14,232.00
Loose	\$ 1,047.25
Altar Flowers	\$ 224.00
Total Collection Last Week	\$18,321.34

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

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

SFX School News

Mark your calendar and plan to join our school families as we celebrate 125 years of Catholic Education beginning on Sunday, January 27 of Catholic Schools Week. Thank you to all who have contributed memorabilia for our historical display. Additional items are welcome and will continue to be accepted until January 3.

Please pray for the success and safe travel of our art teacher, Jeff Doublestein and his family. Over the Christmas Break, they will be part of a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. The goal is to improve the water filtering system to support the lives of children in the barrios.

The faculty, staff and families of St. Francis Xavier School wish to express deepest gratitude to our parishioners for their tremendous gift of support throughout the year and wish you a Christmas blessed by the Spirit of peace, joy and love.





The family of Isabelle Hoffman wishes to thank our church family for all the support we received during the loss of our Mom. Fr. Denny, Fr. Joe, the resurrection choir, the ladies and gentlemen of the luncheon committee, the many that prepared the food, you all lifted us. May God bless you.

On behalf of my community, the Servants of Mary, and all the women and men religious, I would like to thank you for your generous donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. We appreciate any donations made to help our retired sisters receive the care they need. May the Lord bless you and hold you close.

Sr. Kathy

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to thank you for our most generous response to our ministry Cross International Catholic Outreach when I was there on the weekend of September 8-9, 2007. Your parish donated \$12,299.50 that will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor. may the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

Sincerely,
Rev. Ron Mrozinski

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High School Youth Group

A nearly Merry Christmas to all the teens and their families! May your celebration of the great feast of Christ's Birth be a joyful and beautiful one!

Young Men ages 10-18 are invited to attend a retreat entitled "Listening to God's Call" the weekend of January 4-6, 2008. Call Fr. Don Geyman at 989-705-3532 for more information.

The March for Life in Washington D.C. is January 22, 2008. A "Red-Eye" Bus Trip to the March departs Monday, January 21 and returns Wednesday, January 23. It is a minimal cost for the bus trip and there is a discount for students. Make it a family experience! Rock for Life is organizing a "Training and Activism Weekend" that is open to young people prior to the March. Check out their website at www.RockForLife.org. For general information about the March check out the website www.marchforlife.org. Traverse City Right to Life, or call Liz Gengle at 347-4133 for more information.

High School Youth Group is on Christmas Break until January 6, 2008. Enjoy the winter weather!

In the Joy of the Christ Child,
Liz Gengle

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The Virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him **EMMANUEL...**

Respect Life

He became a child, so that the Word could be grasped by us. In this way God teaches us to love the little ones. In this way he teaches us to love the weak. In this way he teaches us respect for children. The child of Bethlehem directs our gaze towards all children who suffer and are abused in the world, the born and the unborn. Towards children who are placed as soldiers in a violent world; towards children who have to beg; towards children who suffer deprivation and hunger; towards children who are unloved. In all of these it is the Child of Bethlehem who is crying out to us; it is the God who has become small who appeals to us. Let us pray this night that the brightness of God's love may enfold all these children. Let us ask God to help us do our part so that the dignity of children may be respected.

-- Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Midnight Mass, Christmas 2006

Please pick up your Offertory Envelopes from the lower gathering space. If you do not have a set there, please write your name on the paper and check again next weekend. Thanks!

Married Couples!

Give the gift of time to your spouse for Christmas by registering for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! What a great gift for Christmas!

The next weekend is February 15-17. Registration is limited. For more information or to register, call 989-275-5427 or email drew@voyager.net OR view a 20 minute video about the weekend at <http://www.wvme.org/new.html>.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

God entered our world through a pregnant, unmarried, teenage girl in a deserted stable. Today the Angel Gabriel cautions us to expect to find God in unexpected places. The Lord is with you among piles of laundry, sick children, cars that won't start, and children to be picked up.

SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF December 24-30

Mon: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Gospel Lk 1:67-79
 Eve: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Gospel Mt 1:1-25

5pm Intention: *Joseph & Antoinette Adrejewski*

7pm Intention: *Bay Shore: D. Mitchell Sysko*

10pm Intention: *D. Arthur Ronan*

Tues: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Gospel Jn 1:1-18

8am Intention: *D. Mary Studzinski*

10am Intention: *D. Patricia Steffel*

8am Wed: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Gospel Mt 10:17-22

Intention: *D. Stephen & Rose Kolinski*

8:30am Thurs: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Gospel Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Intention: *D. John McEnroe*

8am Fri: 1 Jn 5:2-2; Gospel Mt 2:13-18

Intention: *D. Alice Anders*

5pm Sat: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Gospel Lk 2:22-35

Intention: *Bud & Audrey Mania*

Sun: Sir 3:3-7, 14-17a; Col 3:12-21; Gospel Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

8am Intention: *St. Francis Xavier Parish*

10am Intention: *D. Frank M. Lemanski*

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

LECTORS

Saturday & Sunday, December 29/30, 2007

5:00 pm Tom Nagurka

8:00 am Kolleen Homuth & Bill Kanine

10:00 am Jody VanSlembrouck & Brian Brachel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday & Sunday, December 29/30, 2007

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

8:00 am Roger & Joyce Clark, Carol Schwartzfisher, Denn Nason, Alvaro ARTaza, Sylvia Studzinski, Ed Collins

10:00 am Bill & BJ Steffens, Margene Fennell, Jim Holtz, John Zimmerman, Cheryl & Dean Fleury

GREETERS

Saturday & Sunday, December 29/30, 2007

5:00 pm Mike & Joanie Vargo & family, George & Chris Mayer, Carl Powers & family

8:00 am Ed & Peg Collins, Shari Hoek, Terry Bennett, Bill & Carla Kanine

10:00 am Jeff & Shawn Haven, Aaron & Rachel Brooks & family, Dean & Cheryl Fleury, Mary DeAgostino, Annette Fettig

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday & Sunday, December 29/30, 2007

5:00 pm Lucas & Sam Robbins, Kelly Powers

8:00 am Reilly Philliben, 2 Thompson's

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



St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore

Envelopes \$645.00
 Loose \$233.70
 \$878.70

Liturgical Ministers - December 30, 2007

Minister of the Word: Dave Meyer
 Eucharistic Minister: Eric Kessler
 Server: Tim Sysko
 Usher: Dave Meyer
 Offering: Sysko family



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

Vocation from God are not always clear. Not all of us are as lucky as Joseph who had an angel appear to him saying: "Take Mary as your wife, and fear not."

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, Kelli Day, Jean Haase, Jeremy Yell, Carol Lamberti

All shut-ins and those in care facilities

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
Mortgage Harbor