

**A Message From Fr. Denny**

Please remember that Tuesday, January 1, 2008 is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is the feast of Mary the Mother of God. I have scheduled two Masses on New Year's Day, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Let's start the New Year off right by offering praise and thanks to God. We might also ask God to help us make worthy New Year resolutions and to keep them.

The Parish Offices will be closed on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day. My staff works very hard and they deserve this time off. We are very blessed to have talented, dedicated people serving us in the parish. Everyone of them goes beyond the call of duty to help meet the needs of the parish. I have not had a better parish staff anywhere I have ever served.

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on New Year's Eve.

Please be patient regarding the yellow stewardship forms you filled out. The Stewardship Committee has not had the chance to finish going over all of them. But they will.

*May the Peace  
of the  
Holy Family  
be with you  
always.*



**Music Notes**

Many thanks to all who helped make beautiful music at all our Christmas Masses - the choirs, the soloists, the brass quartet, and all the instrumentalists. We all appreciate the time spent practicing on your own and rehearsing with me the days before Christmas. May God bless you and your families with good health and happiness in the coming year.

*Chelle Lints  
Music Director*

**Remember - Pantry Sunday  
is Next Weekend!!!**

**Because of an early deadline, the parish finances will be reported in a future bulletin.**



**New Year's Day Minister Schedule**

**January 1, 2008**

**9:00 am**

**Lectors:** Jim Wolf & Mike LaVictoire

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Denn Nason, Carol Schwartzfisher, Gietzen, Roger & Joyce Clark, Lee Phillips

**Altar Servers:** Joe & Tom LeBlanc, Austin Willson

**January 1, 2008**

**11:00 am**

**Lectors:** Kim Philliben & Rachel Brooks

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sally Parish, Gary Toporek, 3 Needed

**Altar Servers:** Brandon, Christopher & Joseph Kargol

**Prayers for Clergy & Religious for January**

- 1-Pope Benedict XVI
- 2-Fr. Wayne Dziekan
- 3-Fr. Peter Eke
- 4-Fr. Gabriel Fox
- 5-Religious Brothers & Sisters
- 6-Fr. J. August Franczek
- 7-Fr. Daniel Gallagher
- 8-Fr. James Gardiner
- 9-Fr. Donald Geyman
- 10-Bishop Patrick Cooney
- 11-Fr. Albin Gietzen
- 12-Fr. Joseph Graff
- 13-Fr. John Greene
- 14-Fr. David Greka
- 15-All Deacons
- 16-Fr. Richard Hannan
- 17-Fr. James Hayden
- 18-Fr. John Hennessy, SJ
- 19-Deceased Priests
- 20-Fr. Garth Hilmer
- 21-Fr. Gerard Hunko
- 22-Fr. Joseph Iannuzzi, OSJ
- 23-Fr. Michael Janowski
- 24-All Seminarians
- 25-Fr. Lawrence Kelleher
- 26-Fr. James Kendziorski
- 27-Fr. George Klimas
- 28-Fr. Richard Kosterman
- 29-Fr. James Krasman, ofm
- 30-Fr. Richard Kropf
- 31-Fr. John Ladd

**Merry Christmas**

and

**Happy New Year!**

from everyone

at Br. Dan's Pantry!!!!





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### How Important is Time?

To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.

To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of the weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask two people who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask a person who just missed their plane.

To realize the value of ONE SECOND, ask a person who just avoided an automobile accident.

To realize the value of ONE MILLISECOND, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time lost will never be regained. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift.

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### ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Bishop Patrick R. Cooney extends an invitation to all the faithful of the diocese to attend the Ordination to the Priesthood of Joseph Muszkiewicz on Saturday, January 5 at St. Mary Cathedral. The Eucharistic Liturgy and Ordination will begin at 11:00 AM and will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. An ordination is a special and uplifting celebration for the entire diocesan family. Deacon Joe has served many parishes during his years of preparation. Please join us with your prayers and your presence.

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### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel, the infant Jesus was the center of attention. Unfortunately, children are less valued today. They often take second place to convenience, budget, political strategy and adult needs. The gospel reminds us that every child deserves the opportunity to grow and become strong and to realize that "the favor of God is upon them." As we enter a new year as: "What obligations do I have to children that I have not fully met?"

### LIFE MATTERS

I appeal to political leaders not to allow children to be considered as a form of illness, nor to abolish in practice your legal system's acknowledgment that abortion is wrong. I say this out of a concern for humanity. But that is only one side of this disturbing problem. The other is the need to do everything possible to make European countries once again open to welcoming children. Encourage young married couples to establish new families and to become mothers and fathers! You will not only assist them, but you will benefit society as a whole. - Pope Benedict XVI, *Address to Authorities and Diplomatic Corps, Vienna, Sept. 7, 2007*



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### NMCF

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

We are called to be good stewards of all the gifts God has given to us. When we give to the Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation (NMCF) we are serving the Lord, and helping assure that the parishes, schools and ministries we so deeply care about are financially stable.

If you would like more information on the NMCF, or how to remember your parish, school, the Diocese of Gaylord or particular diocesan ministry in your estate plans through the NMCF, please contact Danielle Parish, NMCF executive director at 989.732.5147 or [nmcf@dioceseofgaylord.org](mailto:nmcf@dioceseofgaylord.org).

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### DO YOU QUALIFY?

The passage of the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006 allows for a special opportunity for this year only. Through the end of December 2007, any person qualifying as 70.5 years of age or older is eligible to donate directly from an IRA to their charity of choice without that withdrawal being taxed as income. This special break is a wonderful way to make a significant donation without reducing current income.

If you have questions about the PPA of 2006, consult with your personal financial planner to help decide what works best for you. If you have questions about the Catholic ministries of Northern Michigan, please contact Executive Director of the Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation, Danielle Parish by calling 989.732.5147 or by sending e-mail to [dparish@dioceseofgaylord.org](mailto:dparish@dioceseofgaylord.org).

**SCRIPTURES FOR WEEK OF Dec. 31-Jan. 6**

**8 am Mon:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Gospel Jn 1:1-18  
*Intention: D. Don Rhoads & family*  
**Tues:** Gal 4:4-7; Gospel Lk 2:16-21  
*9am Intention: D. Eric Greyerbiehl*  
*11am Intention: Marian Center*  
**8am Wed:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Gospel Jn 1:19-28  
*Intention: Fr. Wilbert Hegener*  
**8:30am Thurs:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Gospel Jn 1:29-34  
*Intention: L. Nancy Bouhall*  
**8am Fri:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Gospel Jn 1:35-42  
*Intention: Ermi & Gordon Bonfield*  
**5 pm Sat:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Gospel Jn 1:43-51  
*Intention: D. Mary Frantz & family*  
**Sun:** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel Mt 2:1-12  
*8am Intention: D. Louis Schantz*  
*10am Intention: St. Francis Xavier Parish*  
*12noon Bay Shore: D. Carla & Lorenzo Borlemghi*

**LECTORS**

**Saturday & Sunday, January 5/6, 2008**

**5:00 pm** Linda Ward  
**8:00 am** Kim Philliben & Bob Rasmussen  
**10:00 am** Mike LaVictoire & Chuck Spencer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, January 5/6, 2008**

**5:00 pm** Brian & Teresa George, Stan & Margaret Borowski, Chris & George Mayer  
**8:00 am** Ann & Larry Hendricks, Mary Tonge, Vickie Vance, Gietzen, Maureen McCarthy  
**10:00 am** Gary Toporek, Suzanne Holguin, Sally Parish, Gunner Deery, Bud & Mary Riley

**GREETERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, January 5/6, 2008**

**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, Chuck & Bonnie Farrugia, Pete & Linda Kelbel, Catherine DeVet  
**10:00 am** Ann Burek, Lisa Rust & Drew, Aleece Balchik, VandenBrink family

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday & Sunday, January 5/6, 2008**

**5:00 pm** Erik & Adam Hosler, Taylor Ide  
**8:00 am** Freddie Liederbach, Connor Reed, Rochelle Seeley  
**10:00 am** Isabel Ceniza, Aspen Williams, Alexis Donovan

**St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore**



**Liturgical Ministers - January 6, 2008**

Minister of the Word: Mae Charbeneau  
 Eucharistic Minister: Sandi Meyer  
 Server: Joey Sypniewski  
 Usher: Eric Kessler  
 Offering: Maxine Titus  
*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**

Families are the cradles of kindness, humility, patience and thanksgiving. People cannot truly teach these qualities unless they have experienced them.

 <p><b>PRAYER REQUESTS</b></p>	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
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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*  
**Mims**