



St. Francis Xavier

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
3:30 p.m. Saturday

WEEKEND LITURGIES
Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - Bilingual Spanish

Dear Friends,

I hope that the Spirit of Easter is in us to motivate us. The message of the resurrection of our Lord is so uplifting and powerful; it makes us children of God who with one voice proclaim, **"Jesus Christ is risen from the dead; He is risen indeed, alleluia!"**

Keeping in mind this message we are commissioned to move on into the world and to proclaim that good news to all. There are many ways we can do it, but in our humble way, here at St. Francis Xavier parish, we often do it through showing our sensitivity towards the poor around us. This month we are hosting CHRISTNET. You, too, can be a part of this program by volunteering your time to attend the needs of the poor and homeless. The sign up sheet is in the back of the church.

Also in April, we are going to have a spaghetti dinner, as the fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul in our parish. Although a small program the society responds to so many requests for help. The growing number of the needy people is not somebody's problem, but ours as well. In the spirit of Christian love we are encouraged to do our part to ease the suffering of our brothers and sisters. As the member of St. Francis Xavier parish, we want to be visible and present our local community-Ecorse and Downriver, sharing our love and resources, living our faith. Please support this dinner, as it will help to aid many who are in need. Please, as always, continue to be generous in your weekly donation, as a volunteer, - your parish needs your good stewardship to continue its mission faithfully.

God bless,
Fr. Victor



BREAST CANCER INFORMATIONAL NIGHT

On April 10, 2008 The Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program invite you to a program on breast health here at St. Francis Xavier Parish. The program will be on Thursday, April 10 2008 at 7:00 pm in the parish center. Please R.S.V.P to

Rita Castorena at 1-888-242-2702 or by email castorer@karmanos.org

UNA PROGRAMA SOBRE LA SALUD FEMENINA DEL SENO

El Instituto de Cancer de Karmanos les invita a una programa sobre la salud femenina del seno. Este programa sera presentado el 10 de Abril a las 7:00 de la noche en el salon de la iglesia. Por favor reserva su lugar llamando a Rita Castorena a 1-888-242-2702 o por correo electronico castorer@karmanos.org



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, May 7th, as that will be the date of our **11th Annual Salad Luncheon**. The price remains the same--\$5.50 advanced purchase of ticket or \$6.00 at the door. It will be from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Salads and desserts will be needed, so start thinking about what you would like to donate. Thank you for helping. —Marge



WEEKEND COLLECTION

March 30, 2008

Registered Families	466
Envelopes used	159
Total collection	\$3,105.56

Religious Education

Next Saturday the First Communicants will gather for their last retreat and preparations. I always look forward to First Holy Communion. I think it brings many of us back to our own time of receiving our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. I hope it reminds us all what a privilege we have to be called to the banquet table every time we go to Mass. May all our hearts be open to the life changing transformation that awaits us at the altar. Jesus, come into our hearts!

Confirmation candidates, parents and sponsors will meet to go over the final preparations that will take place before their sacrament date, June 7. The Day of Reflection in April and a Confirmation Retreat in May. It is our responsibility as parishioners to be praying for the children, their family and the instructors. After all, that's what family does for each other.

Dates to Remember:

Apr. 9 class 5:30

Apr.12 First Communion Retreat w/practice 9:30am

Apr.14 Confirmation mtg. Candidate & parent/sponsor
6:30pm

Apr.16 Class 5:30

Apr.23 Class 5:30

Apr.26 Confirmation: Day of Reflection, 9:30am-2:30pm

Apr.30 Closing Service & Ice Cream Social @ St. Francis

God's blessings,

Julie Dzanbazoff, DRE

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP-#6

THE SIXTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

DATE: Saturday, April 12, 2008

TIME: Doors open at 7:00am;

Conference begins at 8:00am

LOCATION: U of D Mercy Calihan Hall in Detroit, Michigan

"Brothers In Christ Standing Together" - An event that will encourage all men to become more faithful husbands and followers of Christ. Join your brothers in Christ for this life-changing opportunity!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Because we had special covers over the last several weeks there was no room to put in much extra, however I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa, Dave, and Jennifer Ivaniszyn, Irene Bailey, Vera Rodriguez, Evelyn Futo, Sherry Darilek for the fine job they did on the **Palm Sunday Country Style Breakfast**. It got a little hectic at first because we were surprised by the generous response but everybody worked hard to keep it together and our whole parish was the beneficiary by over \$500.00 for the general fund. Thanks also goes to those who brought in so many baked goods and also those who came to eat. Thank you all for volunteering your time, talent, and treasure.———Sincerely, Cathey Borsh

Christian Service Corner

THANKS

Thanks to the entire parish for supporting the soup meals and the groups/parishioners for cooking we raised \$1,242.47 for Christian Service outreach programs within our church for our community here at St. Francis Xavier!

CHRISTNET

Christnet is almost here! Please keep these dates open Sunday April 13,2008Through Sunday April 20,2008. Those of you new to our parish or those unaware Christnet is a traveling homeless shelter. Christnet guest spend one week Sunday evening through the following Sunday morning at different churches. This is a parish community outreach although it is organized through the Christian Service Group we can't possible run this shelter alone we need your help! There are several areas we need to cover as a Parish. We need greeters to sign our guest in when they arrive and remain at the Parish Center front entrance from 6:30 pm until 10:00 pm when the overnight shift arrives. This year we are breaking the overnight shift in 2 shifts 10:00 pm until 2:00 am and 2:00 am until 7:00 am when the buses arrive to take them back to the intake center. Also we will need volunteers to sign up for an evening to buy and cook dinner.

Other volunteers needed are servers. Servers will be serving our guest as a sit down dinner and refill their beverage. We need a set up crew and a take down transporting crew (we need parishioners with a truck!) Also we need volunteers to do laundry.

Can you find it in your heart to help care for the least of our brothers? Remember the words of Jesus, **"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."** Sign up sheets now in back of church please be generous with your time. Please share some of your time and talents. Whether it is cooking the gift of gab, your hospitality or your cleaning skills? Together and with God all things are possible.

CHRISTNET WISH LIST:

Snack items for lunches:

Granola Bars-Peanut Butter & Crackers-Cheese & crackers

**Boxed Cereals to serve for breakfast -Juice Boxes
ECORSE ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY**

Served 145 households.-209 Adults,130 Children

for April the food pantry needs: **100 cans of fruit**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday April 26, 2008 from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier will be having a Spaghetti dinner all proceeds will go to the

St. Francis Xavier's St. Vincent De Paul Fund. This fund is used to help Ecorse residence in need. The cost will be \$6.00 for adult and \$4.00 for children dinner

Dinner will include Spaghetti with meat sauce, Salad, Bread and Butter, coffee or lemonade and dessert please come we need your support it is for a worth-while cause. Tickets on sale now in the rectory and next weekend after all masses April 5th and April 6th 2008.

God bless,

Sharon Rest, Christian Service Coordinator

MASS INTENTIONS**Tuesday, April 8**

6:00 p.m. For the victims of domestic violence

Wednesday, April 9

1:00 p.m. Rosary

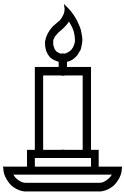
Saturday, April 12

5:00 p.m. In memory of Frank Schuer, Stephen J. Csiszar, and in thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of Georgine & Larry Martin

Sunday, April 13

9:00 p.m. In memory of the deceased benefactors of St. Francis Xavier Parish

11:00 a.m. In memory of Edward Evans and Alexander Petri

*Sanctuary Candle*

In memory of
The Ciemierek Family
 by
 Pam Ciemierek

PRAYER LIST

Scott Bartlam, Kimberly Grace Bussler, Herman A. Carducci, Lori Carducci, Rita Clark, John Clark, Fernando Contreras, John Cook, David Core, Gloria Correa, Lydia Cruz, Omarina DeLeon, Noreen DeCuir, Sami Doktor, Lisa Donovan, Helen Dunajski, Silvia El-Tabche, Patricia Evans, Helen Flinders, Vera Freeman, Maria Anne Kennedy, Alice Kireczyk, Michael Krystan, Lena LaMantia, Manuel Lopez, Stella Lybrook, Christine Martin, Clyde Morrow, Mimi Martinez, Marcella Medina, Inez Mendez, Mary Morrison, Vivian Munro, Constance Nieman, Denise O'Grady, Mary Olson, Mary Ouellette, Lester Pegouske, Mary Ann Price, Mary Katherine Reid, Marlene Resst, Marlene Reyna, Carl Richter, Baby Justin Romero, Eleanor Roswell, Michael Sgambati, Michele Szpara-Elliott, Lee Silva, Connie Slitti, Mary Lou Smith, Nathan Sobczyk, Szymecko Family, Lillian Van Tuyl, Francis Tocco, Sam Tocco, Dolores Villanueva, Harry White, Pat Williams, Fred Winslow, Ellen Wojcik, special intentions of parishioners

**Downriver League of Catholic Women
 LUNCH AND FASHION SHOW**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 12 Noon at
 Crystal Gardens Southgate**

Sponsored by the Downriver League of Catholic Women. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon! You will be served family style at a cost of \$18 per person, tax and tip included. Menu includes Pork Tenderloin, Roast Chicken, Top Round of Beef, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, Mostaccioli, Rolls, Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Fashions by Madelyn's of Wyandotte. Reserve your place by calling Pat @ 734.281.7333, Lillian 734.283.0343 or Joanne 734.281.4829.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Sunday, April 6**

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Mass

USHERS' SOCIETY BREAKFAST AFTER BOTH MASSES

Tuesday, March April 8

5:00 p.m. Grief Counseling w/ Dr. Hale

Wednesday, April 9

1:00 p.m. Rosary

Thursday, April 10

5:30 p.m. Worship/Education Commission

6:30 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council

7:00 p.m. Breast Cancer Presentation

Friday, April 11

7:00 p.m. Guadalupe Society meeting

Saturday, April 12

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 13

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Mass

1:30 p.m. Christnet Begins(Set-up)

See the religious education calendar for additional information.

CORRECTION: Last week's bulletin stated that there would be a Mexican Luncheon again this week. As much as we wish it was true, that was a misprint left on from the week before. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause anyone.—Editor

PRAYERS FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Please keep in your prayers the young men & women serving in the military and their families especially:
 CARMELLO ALBINO*LUIS ALBINO*GARY BRIDGES
 *JONATHAN M. CLARCHICK*CARLOS CARMONA
 ARIEL DE LEON*MELLISSA EDMUNDS
 KYLE EMERICK*SUSAN PEARSON FAULKNER*
 NICHOLAS FLINT*MICHAEL GIBSON*KENNY JENKINS*
 NICHOLAS IAFELICE* MICKEY MC NAMARA*
 JOSEPH MILLER*AMY OMLID*PATTY OMLID*
 ERIC SANCHEZ*LUIS SANCHEZ*MARK SPINO*
 PATRICK SOWDER*MATTHEW VEGA*
 SHARON VERMILLION*ROBERT WARREN

TREASURES 'N THINGS

Please mark your calendar, June 9th is the date to start bringing your items & clothes (clean & in good condition) to the rectory garage. Your help is needed, so please start saving your items. We appreciate all your help.

Thank you, T 'n' T

TO SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

For the coming year, please write the intention requested, and date and mass time. Also include the name of the person requesting it and their phone number on an envelope with the donation and place it in the collection basket at mass or bring it to the rectory. All mass requests need to be submitted at least two weeks before the mass. This gives us time to put it in the bulletin the week prior to the mass, which is required.

Also, we have beautiful mass cards available for the mass intentions for healing and for the repose of the soul for the deceased which can be sent to those who are ill or the family of someone deceased.