



St. Francis Xavier

APRIL 20, 2008

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The Beacon

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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,

Our parish project of CHRISTNET comes to an end this weekend. We hosted our homeless friends who needed our assistance. It was a very rewarding time for all: for the homeless they experience God's goodness through the generosity of others, for the rest of us, to be able to share our resources, keeping in mind that the day is not over for us and that perhaps one of these days we, too, may need the help of others. I would like to thank all who participated in the project ChristNet.

At this time I must touch on the subject of our weekly collection. Simply speaking it is highly inadequate to the point that we can not pay for the current bills. To give you an example:

Snow removal –	4530.00
DTE utilities –	5087.00
Verdin Co. (bell maintenance)	520.00
Trash pick-up	1324.98
Health insurance	1019.00.

These are only the few that must be paid. You do the math and compare it with the average weekend collection.

Dealing daily with the needs of our parish, I have decided that it would be beneficial to St. Francis Xavier to have a wish list. I have shared this with the members of the parish council and we all agreed that it is a good idea. The wish list is simply a way to ask our parishioners to help us to pay for certain expenses around the parish. This will contain the specific item and the amount involved. There could be a single person involved in it or two or three persons who would contribute. In the near past we already have experience the generosity of our parishioners. I hope that more of us would be open to this project.

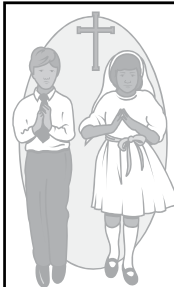
The latest is, again, the repair of the sound system that totals \$520.45. Perhaps there is a someone who would come forth and help us to pay this bill. Please give me a call in the rectory.

This is the time that we all take the initiative to ensure that St. Francis Xavier parish stays open. It is up to All registered members to contribute to the well being of our parish. The alternative is the only one, we will not stay open and this is the last thing we would like to see.

Please take my words to heart for the responsibility of our parish belongs to all of us and our decisions determine its future.

This weekend our young friends are receiving their holy communion for the first time. It is a very special time in the lives and the lives of their families and we pray and hope that this will be only a beginning of their beautiful spiritual journey. Their parents ought to make sure that their children are brought to church on regular basis so that they may receive Christ into their lives. ALL of us need this eucharistic food.

God bless, Fr. Victor



WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

The following children will be receiving the Sacrament of Communion for the first time this weekend. May God bless them always. Antonio Duperron, Abel Fuentes, Isabel Fuentes, Elena Garcia, Mario Godinez, Jacqueline Godinez, Osvaldo Gonzalez, Ana Jelly Jaimes, Jasmine Leura, Adriana Mendoza, Julian Pena, Jesse Pena, Miguel Reyna, Lizette Salinas, John Sammons, Jordon Sosa, Alicia Ayala, Tyler Jones, Angela Sedoskey, Jose Uresti, Jamison Uszynski Salvatore Vitale God Bless All.

Welcome!

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 9:00 a.m. Sunday
 11:00 a.m. Sunday Spanish Bi-lingual

Weekday Mass
 6:00 p.m. Tuesday

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 3:30 p.m. Saturday

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPAGHETTI DINNER SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2008 FROM 3:00 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's 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.**

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 13, 2008

Registered Families	466
Envelopes used	153
Total collection	\$3,172.85
CSA 2008 Goal	\$13,708.00
CSA 2008 collected to date	\$0.00

Religious Education

Welcome to the Eucharistic Table, dear communicants! You have invited Jesus into your heart in a very special way today. Let us all remember and not take for granted this awesome invitation Jesus gives us every time we go to Mass. I am still collecting items (trinkets, jewelry, religious articles, etc) for the "Do Good Store" that will be open on April 23. Any parents that can volunteer to stay and help that day would be much appreciated.

Dates to Remember:

Apr.23 - Class 5:30, Do Good Dollar Store open!

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

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

May 18 - Confirmation Retreat, Subiaco 12:00-8:00pm depart from St.E

June 7 - Sacrament of Confirmation at SFX, 5pm Mass
God's blessings, Julie Dzanbazoff, DRE

IMMIGRATION INFORMATIONAL NIGHT

Representatives from the Office of Immigration Legal Services of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be here at the parish center on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 7:00pm. They will be presenting basic information on immigration laws. This presentation will include: Eligibility for citizenship Family, Petitions, Updated information on Michigan Drivers License
 For more information please call JoAnne Castorena 313.443.4113

INFORMACION DE IMIGRACION

Representantes de la Oficina de Imigracion del Arquidiocesis de Detroit estaran aqui en el salon de la parroquia el Jueves el 24 de Abril a la 7:00 de la noche. Estaran presentando informacion basica sobre los leyes de imigracion.

El presentacion incluye lo siguiente:Eligibilidad de la cuidanania Peticiones de Familia El mas reciente informacion sobre las Licencias para Conducir en el Estado de Michigan Para mas informacion favor de llamar a JoAnne Castorena a 313.443.4113

FAMILY FUN DAY

The Family Fun Day that was scheduled for May 10, 2008 has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. El Dia de Familia para el 10 de Mayo 2008 esta cancelado. **La Sociedad Guadalupana**

BLOOD DRIVE

The following letter was received from the Red Cross:

The American Red Cross Blood Services staff extends their heartfelt appreciation for your efforts on behalf of the many patients whose lives depend on the availability of blood products in our community. Coordinating an American Red Cross blood drive—and knowing you're responsible for saving so many lives—makes you an invaluable contributor in our community. The results of your recent blood drive at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on Friday, March 21, 2008 are as follows: Blood Drive Goal: 23-29 people registered-2 were first time donors 3 people were willing to donate but could not for minor medical reasons-26 persons successfully donated one whole blood unit The 26 units of blood collected at your drive give 78 hospital patients a chance to once again enjoy good health.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 22

6:00 p.m. For those seeking employment

Wednesday, April 23

1:00 p.m. Rosary

Saturday, April 26

5:00 p.m. In memory of Jill & Joseph Poloskey, Gerry Inch, William & Josephine Hand, George McGinley, the 2nd anniversary of Jason O'Grady, and in thanksgiving for the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Larry & Georgine Martin

Sunday, April 27

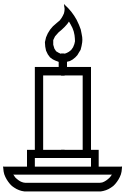
9:00 p.m. In memory of Ben Sutherland and the 1st anniversary of Marlene Brown

11:00 a.m. For all parents who have lost a child

Sanctuary Candle

In memory of
Caroline Spino
by

Mike & Harriet Pongracz



May They Rest in Peace

Scott Bartlam-son-in-law of Anne Barone

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, April 20

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

1:30 p.m. Christnet Ends(Take Down)

Monday, April 21

7:00 p.m. Ushers' Society Meeting

Tuesday, April 22

6:00 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, April 23

1:00 p.m. Rosary

Thursday, April 24

1:00 p.m. Forever Young Seniors Potluck

6:30 p.m. Festival Meeting

AOD Immigration Presentation

Friday, April 25

Saturday, April 26

3:30 p.m. Private Confessions

4:00 -7:00 p.m. St. Vincent dePaul Spaghetti

Fundraising Dinner

Mass

Sunday, April 27

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

See the religious education calendar for additional information.

PRAYER LIST

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, Joetta Elswick, Silvia El-Tabche, Patricia Evans, Helen Flinders, Vera Freeman, Maria Anne Kennedy, Alice Kireczyk, Michael Krystan, Baby Jesslyn McCoy, Lena LaMantia, Manuel Lopez, Stella Lybrook, Christine Martin, Clyde Morrow, Mimi Martinez, Marcella Medina, Inez Mendez, Vivian Munro, Constance Nieman, Denise O'Grady, Mary Olson, Mary Ouellette, Lester Pegouske, Pat Perry, 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

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*
- ERIK SANCHEZ*LUIS SANCHEZ*MARK SPINO*
- PATRICK SOWDER*MATTHEW VEGA*
- SHARON VERMILLION*ROBERT WARREN

FOREVER YOUNG

The Forever Young, (Senior Potluck) will be held Thursday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center. The menu will be Ham and all the trimmings. Please call Marge Karaba 381-8095 or Ann Legarski 928-5556 on what food you are bringing. **Come & Enjoy!**—Ceil Oltean



SALAD LUNCHEON

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

TREASURES 'N THINGS

Please remember, the success of our sale depends on all of us, so please mark down these dates:

June 9- -Start bringing your items and clothes, clean & in good condition) Treasures 'n Things sale dates:

August 15, 16, & 17 Thank you,———T 'n' T