



St. Francis Xavier

JANUARY 13, 2008

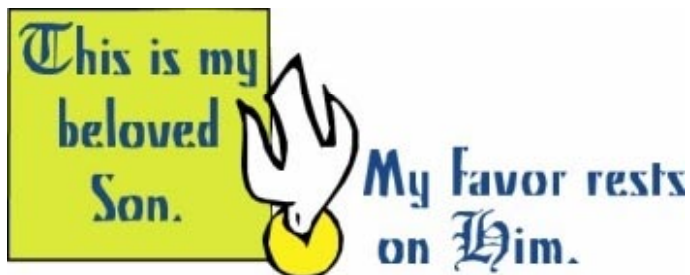
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The Beacon

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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,

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. The readings tell us about the Baptism of the Lord and what happened or will happen because he was baptized. It's a good time to think about what happened or will happen because WE are baptized. St. Paul writes that after Jesus was baptized he set about doing good works. As our example then, that is what we should do.

As a new year's resolution, it may be a very good idea that instead of giving something up, we deliberately look for something truly good to do. Something that would make God say of us, "This is my Son of whom I am well pleased."

I want to share with those who do not like the "new front doors" of the Church that those doors are temporary as we had to put something in place of the other doors. Because of the large size needed to properly fill the space, permanent doors are custom made and will take time. Also the renovations and repairs of the chapel could not get started until after the holidays because of the Mass schedule. Please be patient and I am quite sure you will be pleased with the results.

I know that lately I have brought it to your attention more than once that the "usual" collection is insufficient to keep our parish operating with business as usual. The staff has been cut to the bare minimum and everyone is working hard to see that we do not need to cut any programs. I do not mention this because I want extravagant amounts of money to spend on extravagant things. I want to make sure that we can pay our bills. It is a misconception to believe the Archdiocese of Detroit gives us any money for anything. Actually it is our parish that is assessed yearly to give to the Archdiocese. We receive no funds from them. I know that your home operating bills are high and the cost of gas and everything else has risen. I know some people see the \$3000.00 collection and think that is a lot of money. So I just want to share with you a sample of what that collection has to cover. Here it is- some of our current financial obligations that must be paid:

Phone Bill:	\$ 391.42
Gas Bill	\$2,986.94
Electric Bill	\$1,188.49
Total	\$4566.85

Parishioners that use their envelopes Priceless

God bless, *Fr. Victor*

P.s. Those figures are for one month only.

WEEKEND COLLECTION January 6, 2008

PARISH FAMILIES	447
ENVELOPES USED	170
WEEKLY COLLECTION	2,871.99

Religious Education News

Children's Mass is this Saturday at St. Elizabeth, 5p.m. Mass. The fifth grade will be the ministers of the Mass. I would like to say, "Thank You!" to Jill Weick, the Children's Liturgist. She is a blessing to very well prepare the classes to serve at the Mass. Let's support the fifth grade by showing a good attendance.

Two calendars went home last week. A purple sheet with the year schedule and sacrament dates, plus a Children's Mass schedule sheet. If you did not receive one, please stop by the office. There are many important dates, especially if your child is in a sacrament year.

Dates to Remember:

January 14—6:00 p.m. & Session 4 Confirmation Ministry Fair and Session 4 (**Note this is a date change**)

January 16-5:30 p.m. Regular class, Pract/ 5th grade f

January 19-5 p.m. Children's Mass

January 23—Regular Class

January 30—Regular class & catechist meeting @ 7 p.m.

February 2— 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. First Reconciliation Retreat @ St. Elizabeth (parent & child attend)

God Bless You

JulieDzanbazoff, DRE

P.S. Just a reminder: The Adult Formation class for any interested adult is every Wednesday, 5:30—7:00 p.m. in the basement during regular class time.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Reverend Victor Roman, Pastor, ext 3

4250 W. Jefferson Ave.

Ecorse, Michigan 48229

Weekend Masses

5:00 p.m. Saturday

9:00 a.m. Sunday

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

Weekday Mass

6:00 p.m. Tuesday

Private Confessions

3:30 p.m. Saturday

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

The mission of Christian Service is to provide help to others in need and to provide a number of opportunities for people to gather in response to the social needs of the parish. The commission is made up of a group of parishioners that meet once a month and are involved in the following activities:

Advent by Candlelight	Easter Baskets
Anointing Mass	Food Pantry
Blood Drive	Funeral Luncheons
Christmas Advent Tree	Homebound Visits
Christmas Baskets	Lenten Soup Meal
Christnet	St. Vincent dePaul
	Thanksgiving Baskets

As you can see from the above activities, a lot of help is needed. Won't you please consider helping on one of these projects? It is a very rewarding experience and you do not have to take part in all the activities. Most of the things happen once a year. You can select the category you would be most interested in. Both men and women, young and old are most welcome and urged to attend our meetings.

At the present time we meet in the afternoon, however, if enough people are interested in joining our group and would prefer an evening meeting, that could be arranged. Thank you for considering joining us. Rest assured that it is a very rewarding experience. Our next meeting will be held: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. Please join us in the parish center classrooms 3&4.

Sharon Resst,
Christian Service Coordinator

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Food Pantry. **The next Food Pantry is This Thursday, January 17. Pantry is open to all Ecorse residents.** Please volunteer to help if you can. Thank you to Carmen Mares for sorting out all the food for the different needs.

At the December food pantry we distributed to 146 Ecorse households serving 168 adults and 105 children. For the next one **we need of 68 boxes of macaroni and cheese and 26 cans of soup.** If you are able to help with these items, please bring them to the rectory this week before Thursday morning so appreciative.

ADVENT TREE UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Advent Tree. We made boxes for 25 families and collected many goods for the Crisis Pregnancy Center and the homeless.

God bless you.

Sharon Resst, Christian Service Coordinator

ANNIVERSARY MASS

The anniversary Mass will be Saturday, February 9th at the 5:00 Mass. If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or higher anniversary and wish to take part in the celebration please respond by calling Irene Bailey at 381-3547

Thank You,
Irene Bailey, Altar Society President
Ceil Oltean, Publicity

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Jan 15
6:00 p.m. For the people of the parish
Wednesday, January 16
1:00 p.m. Rosary
Saturday, January 19
5:00 p.m. In memory of the 4th anniversary of Bobby Wilson, 1st anniversary of Tony Steiner, 31st anniversary of Ursulo Rosales, and the anniversary of Cornelia Schrettner
Sunday, January 20
9:00 p.m. In memory of Margaret Lesner
11:00 a.m. In memory of Alberto & Aurora Lopez and Jennie Kolniak



Sanctuary Candle
Earl Nelson
 By
 Bernice Nelson

May they rest in Peace

RITA HELLAR
VALERIE WILSON
THERESA HARDIN

Prayer List

Jason Barkholz, Marciline Bart, Scott Bartlam, Kimberly Grace Bussler, Herman A. Carducci, Lori Carducci, Rita Clark, John Clark, Tony Clark, Fernando Contreras, John Cook, Gloria Correa, Lydia Cruz, Sami Doktor, Lisa Donovan, Helen Dunajski, Patricia Evans, Vera Freeman, Anne Hool, Ernest Hovizi, Maria Anne Kennedy, Alice Kireczyk, Michael Krystan, Lena LaMantia, Corinne Lemmon, Manuel Lopez, Stella Lybrook, Clyde Marrow, Larry Martin, Marcella Medina, Inez Mendez, Mary Morrison, Juanita Munoz, Vivian Munro, Constance Nieman, Mary Olson, Mary Ouellette, Mary Ann Price, Baby Gabriella (Regorrah), Mary Katherine Reid, Marlene Resst, , Baby Justin Romero, Eleanor Roswell, Angie Sauve, Michael Sgambati, Lee Silva, Connie Slitti, Mary Lou Smith, Nathan Sobczyk, Michael Szpara, Szymecko Family, Anita Uroda, Lillian Van Tuyl, Francis Tocco, Sam Tocco, Dolores Villanueva, Harry White, Fred Winslow, Ellen Wojcik, Sotero Zapata, special intentions of parishioners

Sacraments: Call the rectory. Adults over 18 must be registered on their own and practicing Catholics at this parish for at minimum three months prior to any sacramental preparation for themselves or their children.

THANK YOU

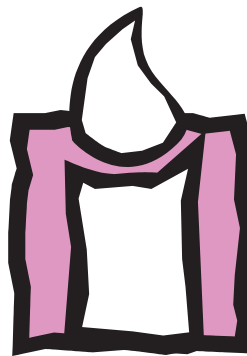
Thank you to all of you for your prayers and condolences for my wife, Delores Clark.
Francis Clark and Daughters

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 14
8:00 a.m. Rectory Re-opens
Tuesday, January 15
7:00 p.m. Altar Society
Wednesday, January 16
1:00 p.m. Rosary
1:30 p.m. Christian Service Meeting
5:30 p.m. Religious Education @St. Elizabeth
Thursday, January 17
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Ecourse Ecumenical Food Pantry.
Friday, January 18
Saturday, January 19
3:30 p.m. Private Confession
Sunday, January 20

THERE WILL BE NO COUNSELING WITH DOCTOR HALE THIS MONTH. WILL RESUME IN FEBRUARY
 See the Religious Education calendar for other events.

CYO CANDLE SALE



The CYO Candle Sale has begun. Please support our kids. There will be a sign-up in the back of the church. Money is due January 21st. Put money in an envelope and put it in the collection basket **ATTN: Adelle**
Thank you
Adele Horton, CYO Athletic Director

PRAYERS FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Please keep in your prayers the young men & women serving in the military 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* BRIAN MC NAMARA*
 MICKEY MC NAMARA*
 JOSEPH MILLER*AMY OMLID*PATTY OMLID*
 ERIK SANCHEZ*LUIS SANCHEZ*MARK SPINO*
 PATRICK SOWDER*MATTHEW VEGA*
 SHARON VERMILLION*ROBERT WARREN

2009 INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RAFFLE

Sponsored by R.H. Jones
 Council 3078 Knights of Columbus
 25160 W. Outer Drive, Lincoln Park, MI 48146

COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

DRAWING: February 1st 2008 at 8 PM
 PRIZE: 42" Hitachi Plasma, HDTV
 TICKETS: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
 Tickets available in the Lounge Need not be present to win
 Tickets compliments of Aleks & Son Funeral Home
 1324 Southfield Rd., Lincoln Park, MI 48146-2318
 313-382-7878

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED.

Please call Cathey or Father if you are interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist who will assist in the ministry of distributing the body and blood of Christ at mass on a regular basis..