



St. Francis Xavier

JUNE 22, 2008

Established 1848

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 Parish Family of St. Francis Xavier,

As Pastoral Associate, Director of Religious Education, Secretary and parishioner at St. Francis Xavier, the people of St. Francis Xavier have become like a second family to me for the last 14 years (actually, I think I spent more time with all of you). Therefore, I think you should know that I have taken a new position as Pastoral Associate at St. Joseph Parish in South Lyon.

Because I love to be here so much, this was a somewhat difficult decision, so I left it up to the Holy Spirit and I think this is what I am called to do. I have been studying for a long time to work in Pastoral ministry and there is a great need for that in the parish I am going to. I think they have 4000 parishioners and one priest. As many of you know, I have been driving 52 miles one way to St. Francis and St. Joseph is less than 4 miles from my house.

I can only hope the parishioners will be as kind as all of you or at least as lovable. This will always be my parish as it has been for the last 27 years. I plan to still go to Mass here, Father Victor is still my pastor and Sharon is still the "other Chick". If I ever win the lottery I will steal Gladys and have a limo drive her to my house. I still plan to have Vacation Bible School, the Fall Craft Show, and be responsible for the Poster Ads & the Pancake Breakfast at the Festival this year. I do look forward to St. Francis Xavier being only my place of worship again and not where I "work".

I want to thank all of you for the various support and experiences we have had over the years. I am sure what I have learned from all of you will help me in my upcoming position. Please pray for me and I will always pray for everyone here.

**Thank you & God Bless,
Cathey Borsh**

Dear Friends,

There is time for everything in life, even when we work in our Lord's vineyard. I would like to inform you that our friend, Cathey Borsh, is leaving her post at St. Francis Xavier as a pastoral minister. She will be joining St. Joseph in South Lyon. I am confident that she will do just fine in her new place of employment. Throughout the years she has proven herself to be loyal, dedicated, trustworthy, faithful and creative. Her presence touched so many of us in so many ways.

Cathey will bring to her new job so many unique gifts and qualities, that St. Joseph will benefit from. She'll still work for the Lord continuing his mission. Although Cathey will work there, St. Francis Xavier will still be her parish and will be able to see her. She will assume her new duties in August.

Dear Cathey, we'll pray for you and for your happiness. May our Lord bless you on your new way of life and be assured that you have many friends at St. Francis Xavier parish.

**God bless,
Fr. Victor**

WEEKEND COLLECTION June 22, 2008

Registered Families	466
Envelopes used	176
Total collection	\$3,620.56
CSA Obligation	\$13,708.00
CSA Collected to date	\$ 5,485.00 -65 pledges
CSA needed	\$ 8,223.00

Welcome!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Reverend Victor Roman, Pastor
 4250 W. Jefferson Ave.
 Ecorse, Michigan 48229
Rectory office: (313) 383-8514
Fax: (313) 383-7508

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

E-mail: cmbsfx@yahoo.com

Website: www.sfxecorse.com

PARISH COUNCIL

President	Kevin Martin
Recording Secretary	Georgine Martin
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Vicariate Representative	Albert Muniz
Vicariate Representative	Rita Clark
Seniors	Ceil Oltean
Youth	Kris Aguirre
CYO Athletics	Adell Horton
Member at large	Clare Pavluk

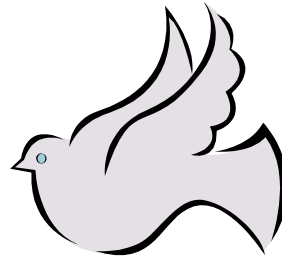
FOREVER YOUNG PICNIC

Forever Young (Seniors) will be having their annual picnic on Thursday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish Center. Please call Marge Karaba @ 381-8095 or Ann Legarski@ 928-5556 On what foods to bring **See you there! Ceil Oltean**

TO SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

Use the envelopes provided in the back of Church and place in the collection Basket or Please write on a envelope the intention requested, and date and mass time Also include the name of the person requesting it and their phone number on the 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.



BAPTISM MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents and godparents who would like to have their child baptized at our parish in the coming month in English on Thursday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel inside the church. On Saturday, July 19th

we will have a meeting in Spanish. Participants must be pre-registered for this meeting by calling the rectory. Parents of the child must be registered at our parish and practicing their faith. God parents must be registered at a Catholic Church and in good standing. A letter from that church will be required. To register or if you have questions call Cathey Borsh at 313-383-8514 ext 13.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL, ECORSE

The Alumni Association of St. Francis Xavier School, Ecorse will be awarding three \$500.00 scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year to students who will be attending any Catholic high school. We wish to encourage Catholic education and leadership. Students are eligible if their family is a registered and contributing member of a parish in the Downriver Vicariate. (This is NOT a college scholarship. It is for high school tuition only, at any Catholic high school.) Deadline for submission is August 4, 2008.

For further information or to obtain an application contact:

St. Francis Xavier Alumni Association

C/O Barbara Rickman, Secretary

197 Haltiner

River Rouge, Michigan 48218

(313) 841-8627



TREASURES 'N 'THINGS

We're looking forward to a successful **TREASURES 'N 'THINGS** this year. So we will need your help. Bring all your items & clothes (clean & in good condition) to the parish garage. We will do the rest. We appreciate all your help.

Thank You,—T'N'T

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

This is a very important ministry. **Adults can be altar servers, also.** To be an altar server one must:

1. Have received the sacrament of First Communion and be in third grade or above as of Fall 2008.
2. A Catholic in good standing with the church.
3. Be registered or if a minor, parents are registered members of the church.
4. If you are interested in serving or have questions please call the rectory 313-383-8514.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 24

6:00 p.m. For the people of Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Wednesday, June 25

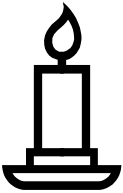
1:00 p.m. Rosary

Saturday, June 28

5:00 p.m. In memory of Charles Pongracz

Sunday, June 29

9:00 p.m. In memory of Ben Sutherland and the 6th anniversary of Lena Pendo
 11:00 a.m. In memory of Felipe Rodriguez and the 40th anniversary of Cristobal Rodriguez



Sanctuary Candle

In memory of Margaret Jennings
 by
 Herman & Emily Carducci

Memorial Services this week

Lolita Killoran
 Ormand St. Amant

May They Rest in Peace

PRAYER LIST

,Scott Amaro, Mary Belman, 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, Silvia El-Tabche, Patricia Evans, Helen Flinders, Vera Freeman, Maria Anne Kennedy, Alice Kireczyk, Michael Krystan, Lena LaMantia, Manuel Lopez, Margaret Lopez, Stella Lybrook, Christine Martin, Clyde Morrow, Marcella Medina, Inez Mendez, Vivian Munro, Paul Nelson, Constance Nieman, Denise O'Grady, Mary Olson, Mary Ouellette, Lester Pegouske, Elvira Perez, Yolanda Perez, 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, Nancy Spino, The Szymecko Family, Lillian Van Tuyl, Francis Tocco, Sam Tocco, Father James Trump, Dolores Villanueva, Pat Williams, Sandra Wilson, 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*RYAN FORD*MICHAEL GIBSON*
 KENNY JENKINS*NICHOLAS IAFELICE* MICKY MC NAMARA*
 JOSEPH MILLER*AMY OMLID*PATTY OMLID*
 ERIK SANCHEZ*LUIS SANCHEZ*MARK SPINO*
 PATRICK SOWDER*MATTHEW VEGA*
 SHARON VERMILLION*ROBERT WARREN

**THE WEEK AHEAD
 IN OUR PARISH**

Monday, June 23

Tuesday, June 24

6:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, June 25

1:00 p.m. Rosary

6:00 p.m. Memorial service for Lolita Killoran

Thursday, June 26

1:00 p.m. Forever Young Picnic Potluck

Friday, June 27

Saturday, June 28

11:00 a.m. Memorial service for Ormand St. Amant
 Private Confessions
 Mass

3:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 29

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

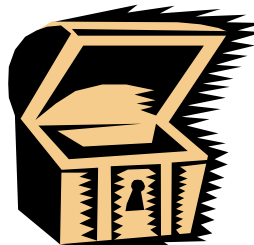
**MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR
 LOLITA KILLORAN AND ORMAND ST. AMANT**

Both Lolita Killoran and Ormand St. Amant were active parishioners for many years until they became very elderly and ill. Each left Michigan to live with relatives to care for them. Ormand to Florida Lolita to Honduras. It is by coincidence that each of their families have planned memorial services for them this week at St. Francis, because it was their spiritual home for so many years. Mr. St. Amant made the "Holy Spirit" wall plaque that hangs in the sanctuary. Mrs. Killoran was very active in the Guadalupanas.

Service for Lolita Killoran will be Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Service for Mr. St. Amant will be Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Both services are opened to the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Hey Kids! All children ages 5—12 are invited to participate in Vacation Bible School at Saint Francis Xavier from July 21st through the 25th. This year's theme is **TREASURE SEEKERS**. We will meet everyday in the Parish Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00

p.m. to sing songs, play games and make crafts and have lunch. Our focus will be on all the wonderful TREASURES God has provided us with throughout history. . On Friday, we will take a field trip to Calder's Farm to see the wonderful animals and one of our favorite gifts, ICE CREAM! Registration forms are available in the back of Church or in the rectory and can be returned in the collection basket or in person. This year **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE THE DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS**, so we can buy the right amount of supplies.