



St. Francis Xavier

MAY 18, 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 is the time of year that many of our usual activities start winding down and we look forward to a vacation and some rest before starting up another year of activities. Many of our parish do manage to be quite active in the life of our church. According to a survey of activities of all the 20 some churches in the Downriver area, St. Francis Xavier is #4 in the number of Christian Service oriented programs that we participate in. Only Our Lady of the Woods, Woodhaven; Sacred Heart (Grosse Ile); Our Lady Queen of Angels, (merger of St. Alfred & St. Paschal in Taylor) do more. The people of Ecorse count on us to help them out, Red Cross counts on us to help Southeastern Michigan, and many other outreach programs receive our assistance. Our parishioners usually deliver. Obviously, our parishioners, too, need our parish to be here to support them spiritually.

The point I am making is that many people depend on us to be here for them. In order to do that, I am asking for the support of everyone. Please, do whatever you can to support this parish. I understand about the hard pressed economic times we face. Please know that whatever your household expenses are, the parish bills are much higher. We have three big buildings and a cemetery to support. If you are tired of hearing about this, please know I dislike saying it even more. CSA is here again and we have no choice but to pay it and if it is not pledged, or pledges are not paid to cover it, it will come out of our weekly collection, leaving even less to pay utilities, supplies, salaries, and maintenance fees.

I know how much many of you love this church. I also know that parishes that can't keep up with the expenses will close. Once that process begins, it will be too late to start coming up with fundraisers and increasing your donation.

Please pray about this and let your conscience be your guide. For those who rarely use envelopes—please use them, every penny counts. For those who do use envelopes sometimes, please use them more regularly, and for those who use them regularly, thank you, and if you can increase your donation in any way, no matter how small, please do. Consistently. This is what it will take.

While vacation is a time to recharge, we still need your support in order to be here when you get back. Please do not stop supporting the church over the summer.

Everyone should contribute something to CSA, we use this support more than you know—annulments, training of ministers, education of future priests, help with property issues -every day in the life of the parish.

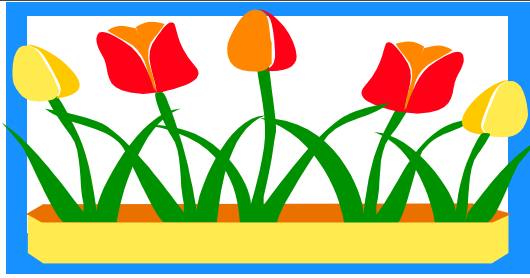
Yes, I dislike sounding like a broken record, but if contributions are not improved -this is the reality. I do not want it to be said that you were not informed or given the opportunity to help out when it still matters. It should be obvious when you see the weekend collection going down and the expenses for everyone going up, we all need to do more to secure the future of our parish. Please let the Holy Spirit be your guide.

**God bless,
Father Victor.**

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO TUESDAY EVENING MASS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS. PLEASE ATTEND ONE OF THE MANY NEIGHBORING PARISHES.

WEEKEND COLLECTION May 11, 2008

Registered Families	466
Envelopes used	183
Total collection	\$3,258.42



THANKS A MILLION

"Thanks for the Memories"— could be the theme song for our most recent Annual Salad Luncheon as everything went well. There were many varieties of delicious salads and desserts, with plenty of food for everyone. The tables were very attractive thanks to Marilyn Tokarz, who obtained the lilacs from a friend.

My sincere thanks to everyone who sold tickets, bought raffle tickets, attended the affair, made a monetary donation, or made a salad or dessert for the luncheon, and also to the Silver Spoon Restaurant who donated those delicious rolls. All of your help was much appreciated.

Thanks also to the few who worked the day before setting up and to all those who helped with the clean up after it was over. It takes the work of many to make an event successful. And we feel this was successful as we realized a profit of \$1,167 on the Salad Luncheon and \$233.00 from the raffle. Also many thanks to those who donated the prizes for the raffle. Because of them we had a nice selection of prizes.

Very encouraging comments were heard from the majority of over 180 people who attended. "This was a very good Salad Luncheon, so please let me know when you have another one." "I go to many of this type and this was one of the nicest I have attended." "Everyone at our table thought you should have a small cook book to sell with the recipes of the salads in it." (Note: We'll have to think about this one for next year!) These were only a few of comments heard, which made it all worthwhile. Thank you one and all and hope to see you again next year. _____ **Marge Gibson, Coordinator**

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVERS

Conversation with Roger Bushnell
Wednesday, May 28, 2008 7:00pm-

Roger is Executive Director at Maple Heights Retirement Community in Allen Park. Roger is an advocate for the Alzheimer's Association with state representatives on behalf of seniors and has testified before the Michigan Senate Budget Subcommittee in regards to the Healthy Michigan Fund. Being his parent's primary care giver, Roger experienced first hand the privilege and demands of this role.

St. Cyprian Parish,
13249 Pennsylvania Road, Riverview
Sponsored by

Health Advocacy/Disability Concerns Committee
734-283-1366, Ext 114
(Christian Service Department)

Religious Education

Confirmation candidates are on retreat today, May 18, at St. Benedict Monastery. Celebrating Pentecost this weekend should have us all experiencing the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I pray the Holy Spirit rests on our young men and women today and June 7 anointing them with the gifts He longs to give. Please, join me in this prayer for them as well. Jesus promised us where two or three are gathered in his name he is with us and hears our prayers. I say, find a prayer partner and watch God's blessings flow!

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES REMEMBER:

June 6 - Confirmation practice 5:30 pm at St. Francis Xavier, sponsor & candidate **MUST ATTEND!**

June 7 – Sacrament of Confirmation, 5 pm Mass, St. Francis Xavier (arrive at 4:30 pm)

God Bless you!

Julie Dzanbazoff,

Director of Religious Education

CALLING THE CLASS OF 2008 GRADUATION MASS



Your parish would love to celebrate your graduation with you. We are asking all 2008 graduates that are members of this parish to be recognized at a special mass in their honor on Sunday June 22. We will be recognizing all graduates of high school or college at either the 9:00 a.m. or the 11:00 a.m.

Mass.-your preference. A coffee & donuts reception will follow. Please call Cathey Borsh at 313-383-8514 ext 13 to submit your graduate's name by June 10.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent dePaul Society would like to thank all those who volunteered their time and efforts in preparing the Spaghetti Dinner earlier this month. We would also like to thank all those who came and participated in this wonderful meal.

The proceeds from this dinner will be used to help those who are in need and those who find themselves in undesirable circumstances. All of you are an extension of the Saint Vincent dePaul Society and without you we would not be able to minister to the needy.

Once again, we thank you and our prayers are with you.

Members of St. Vincent dePaul Society



FOREVER YOUNG POTLUCK

The Forever Young Seniors group will be having their Potluck on Thursday, May 22, at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Center. The theme is Italian Menu (Lasagna, etc.)

Call Marge Karaba at 381-8095 or Ann Legarski at 928-5556 on what food to bring.—**Ceil Oltean**

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Wednesday, May 21

1:00 p.m. Rosary

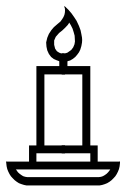
Saturday, May 24

5:00 p.m. For the good health of Brian Bridges and Karen Navarre, In memory of Frances Gay, the birthday of Evelyn Clark, the deceased members of the Clark family, and for a special intention of Jim Beaudrie

Sunday, May 25

9:00 p.m. In memory of Ben Sutherland, George Karaba, the deceased of the Vukovich family, and a special intention for those serving in the military

11:00 a.m. In memory of Alexander Z. Petri



Sanctuary Candle

For those Serving in the Military
by
Jo Ohorodnik

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, 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, Mimi Martinez, Marcella Medina, Inez Mendez, Vivian Munro, Constance Nieman, Denise O'Grady, Mary Olson, Mary Ouellette, Lester Pegouske, Vera 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, 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*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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 19

7:00 p.m. Ushers' Society meeting

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 p.m. NO Mass

Wednesday, May 21

1:00 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Campaneros de Cristo-Bi-lingual Choir

Thursday, May 22

1:00 p.m. Forever Young

Friday, May 23

Saturday, May 24

3:30 p.m. No Private Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass

WHY SETTLE FOR A "GOOD" MARRIAGE WHEN YOU CAN HAVE A GREAT ONE?

You can make the leap from just "good" to GREAT on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones—and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! The upcoming weekends are at The Retreat Center at St. John's (Plymouth, MI):

April 18-20, 2008, May 16-18, 2008, June 6-8, 2008, October 10-12, 2008, November 14-16, 2008. Weekends fill up quickly so a prompt response is encouraged. For information or to register, contact: Bill & Carol Higgins at 248-528-2512 or birdhaus@wideopenwest.com or Dan & Debbie Waring at 586-286-5524 or dwarding@att.net

CATHOLIC SINGLES POTLUCK

Sunday, June 8, 2008 at 12:00 noon
Lower Huron Metro Park, in Belleville, MI
Bring Your Own beverage & a dish to pass
\$5.00 per person plus park entrance fee
RSVP by June 6th to Kathleen

734-657-7750 or CatholicSinglesNYE@comcast.net

SOLANUS CASEY CANTER TOUR AND HEALING SERVICE WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008

The Father Solanus Holy Family Circle is sponsoring a tour of the Solanus Casey Center and Healing service on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 leaving Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School back parking lot (10th & Superior in Wyandotte) at 8:45 a.m. sharp and returning at approximately 4:00 p.m. Bus Transportation and lunch is \$30.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members.

Please call Rosalie @ (734)281-8520 or Pamela @ (734)782-2693 for reservations by May 19.

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