



Dear Parishioners,

With the big holidays past, it is time to get back to "normal," if there is such a thing in ministry and to settle into a routine for the New Year. First of all, all of us who work at St. Mary Church want to thank you so much for your prayers, cards, kindness, gifts, and goodies which you bestowed upon us in this Christmas season. They are truly appreciated, and make us feel appreciated.

Economic times are hard for all right now, as we know from the automotive, banking and real estate markets. Since our Sunday collections are also down, the economy is also affecting our parish. At the beginning of the school year, we did not replace a part time school secretary, and just before Christmas, I was forced to eliminate a full-time maintenance position. These will probably not be the last of the cuts in the parish if a lower collection continues this coming year. Thus you may expect that some of the services provided by the parish will also diminish. Please pray for our parish.

January can be a busy time with RCIA, religious ed, confirmation and youth group all starting back up with their second semester schedules. At the end of the month we'll be celebrating first reconciliation with our second graders; we start looking forward to Mardi Gras in February (fun details to come), and start planning for Lent and Easter already! Please mark you calendars for Sunday, January 25 - the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. On that evening at St. John in Hartland, we will have a regional reflection on St. Paul, given by Fr. Doug Osborn. In this Pauline year, I pray that you may take advantage of this opportunity to grow in faith.

With prayers and New Year blessings,

Fr. Bill Wegher

Livingston County Community Connect

A free one-day event to help people in need find assistance and information

January 31, 2009, from 9am-3pm

St. Patrick Church, Brighton,
Parish Life Center

Free on-site child care available!

Connecting Individuals with:

Housing Information, Food Assistance, Legal Consultation, Clothing, Haircuts, Benefits Information, Lunch, Books for kids, Giveaways, Live Entertainment, & more!!!

St. Mary Euchre Party

Saturday, January 17th at 7:00pm

\$10 per person, please bring a dish to share.

Come enjoy an evening with friends.

Tickets on sale after the first of the year.

Contact Julie Kukalis 810-231-0623

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

7:00pm - 12:00midnight

Sponsored by Council 11761



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Admission: \$3.00

Games: BlackJack, Craps, Roulette, Poker, 7-Card Stud, Let-It-Ride, and open-play Texas Hold 'Em, plus a new Michigan Game Raffle

Win: Cash Prizes (limit of \$500 per person)

Available: Hot Food, Cash Bar (Beer & Wine)

Free: Popcorn and Coffee

Smoking: Smoke Free Facility with separate smoking area available



Special Event

Turbo Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

Registration starts 6:45pm

Dealing starts 7:15pm

\$55 Buy-In Ticket

1 Re-Buy allowed in first hour

Contact Kevin at 734.878.6902 or

Tom at 734.878.6381 for tickets

Beginning Thursday, January 8th the Thursday Mass schedule will be at 5pm, due to Fr. Bill's teaching schedule. We will resume Mass at 9am in April.

SAVE THE DATE

for

Hooray for Hollywood

Saturday, April 25, 2009~6pm

Silent & Live Auctions!

school.stmarypinckney.org



RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please keep our Candidates and Catechumen in your daily prayers as they continue to journey in the RCIA process. For more details about this process, please call Angela - 734.878.2217 ext 218 or email agarcia@stmarypinckney.org

RCIA Sessions

January 10 th Class #11	Dismissal <i>The Sacraments</i>	5:00pm Mass 6:15pm – 7:15pm
January 18 th Class #12	Dismissal <i>Prayers/Tradition</i>	9:00am Mass 10:15-11:15am
January 25 th Class #13	Dismissal <i>The Eucharist</i>	11:30am Mass 12:45-1:45pm
January 31 st Class #14	Dismissal <i>Baptism and Confirmation</i>	5:00pm Mass 6:15pm-7:15pm

*Class Sessions will be held in the educational wing classroom 152.

Faith Formation Information

Religious Education

- † Reminder: 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting next Sunday, January 18th from 10:15-11:20am in the multi-use room. It is very important that at least one parent attend this meeting if they have a child in the 1st Reconciliation Preparation Program.

Prayers Requested!!!

Please pray for the 64 boys and girls from our parish families, who have begun preparation for their 1st Reconciliation. They will celebrate this awesome sacrament on February 5/6. Also, keep the families of these children in your prayers as they journey over the next five months with Sacramental Preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Eucharist.

Loving God,

You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon these children and their families and fill them with your wisdom and love.

Grant that during this special year of sacramental formation they may grow closer to you

and become more aware of your loving presence.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



To Serve & Protect:

Please pray for those who are serving in the Armed Forces, especially:

William V. Backlund III, Tim Begley, Christopher Bullion, Gabe Campbell, Jason (Hennigan) Cecchetti, Kym deBeauclair, Fred Dehn, Matt Ducummon, Jeff Gabel, Michael Ganzak, Erik Hennigan, Pete Petrick, Kevin Martin, Michael McInerney, Sean Rooker, Anthony Sparks, Jonathon Stepp, Kenneth & Sherri Streu, Jesse Sutton, Jordon Styrk, Kurt Whitlow

Meet Mystics from our Catholic Tradition

CAFÉ Wednesdays in January

7pm – 8:30pm

You are invited to all CAFÉ Wednesdays in January to meet some mystics from our Catholic tradition that lived in past and present centuries. These men and women have been touched by God in an extraordinary way and in some cases have written of their inner journey. Their sharing is the story of an individual's encounter with God. Each of us can find inspiration and motivation to seek, with the same single-minded perseverance, to be open to God's voice. You are guaranteed that at least one of the mystics you will be introduced to will strike a chord in your heart. These mystics are examples of men and women who sincerely strove to live the Gospel and to truly know God. All that is required for these sessions are open minds, open hearts and willingness to strive closer and deeper in a relationship with God. Please consider to attend any or all CAFÉ Wednesdays in January at 7pm. For any further information please contact Angela in the Faith Formation Office; 734-878-2217 ext 218 or agarcia@stmarypinckney.org.

Catholics Returning Home

St. Agnes Catholic Church (855 E. Grand River – Fowlerville) will host an ongoing series called *Catholics Returning Home* for the eight Catholic Churches in Livingston County. It will be on six consecutive Thursdays 7-8:30pm beginning January 15th. These sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. There will be informal sharing and an update of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, no matter where you are from. For more details, call Angela at 734-878-2217 ext 218 or Sr. Joyce Hoile at 810-229-8624.

ST. PAUL: HIS LIFE & HIS LEGACY

You are invited to spend an evening with St. Paul on Sunday, January 25. In the context of Evening Prayer led by our regional choir, Fr. Douglas Osborn will inspire his listeners with the heart of Paul's Gospel and mission.

Fr. Osborn was a pastor and founding director of Deacon Formation for our diocese. Now retired, he has devoted himself to inspiring others through retreats, parish missions and evenings of prayer and reflection.

St. Paul: HIS LIFE & HIS LEGACY will take place January 25th from 7-9 pm at St. John Catholic Church at M 59 and Hacker Rd.

MEN'S NIGHT

"*Catholic Dads Aren't Wimps*" will be presented by Dr. Ray Guarendi at the Men's Night at St. Patrick Church in Brighton on Thursday, January 15, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ray Guarendi is a father, clinical psychologist, author, public speaker and radio host. Dr. Guarendi has been a regular guest on *Oprah*, *Joan Rivers*, *Scott Ross Prime Time*, *700 Club*, and *CBS This Morning*. He is experienced and humorous and has written several parenting books which will be available after the presentation. ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENAGERS ARE INVITED to accompany their Dads. MEN are encouraged to attend even if their children are not teenagers. Mass will precede the speaker at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

**The Diocese of Lansing
Accept the Challenge 2009 Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, March 7, 2009**

For With God All Things Are Possible

This year's dynamic team of speakers will help you direct your thoughts and energy toward fostering a stronger relationship with God, family, friends, and co-workers. Their messages will raise your spirits as few days can.

Join other Catholic men, at all levels of faith, from the Diocese of Lansing. Nationally recognized speakers will gather with us on Saturday, March 7th at the Lansing Center in Lansing to support, challenge, and affirm your call as a son of God...and gain insight into how one brings Christ into his personal life, family, marriage, career, and Church.

The 2nd Annual Diocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference, "Accept The Challenge 2009", will help you gain a game plan for holiness, set your faith on fire and renew your commitments to God, church, and others.

Join us on Saturday, March 7th from 8am to 3:30pm. Ticket prices are as follows: Advanced tickets are \$40; At the door: \$45; High School/College men: \$30. Purchase tickets online at www.acceptthechallenge.org or at the parish office.

MONEY MANAGEMENT CLASS

Need help managing your money? Free 6-week money management class for help in: balancing your checkbook, creating a budget, getting out of debt, learning to live within your means, taxes & insurance, individual coaching. Sponsored by Love In the Name of Christ! We will meet on Thursdays 7-9pm beginning January 22nd at Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 9455 Hilton Road, Brighton. Please enter at the East entrance, Room 601 near the gym. Visit the church website at www.cornerstoneforlife.com Free child care provided. To register call Karen at 810-494-4013.

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

A 5-week bereavement group offered by Hospice of Michigan on Wednesdays January 14 – February 11, 2009, from 10:30am-12noon at the Brighton District Library (100 Library Drive, Brighton). For more information call Rev. Nancy Doty at 734-769-5821. Registration is required by January 12th as space is limited. There is no charge for the group.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience of Lansing is presenting a weekend for grieving widowed, divorced, and separated people on February 6, 7, & 8, 2009, at the St. Joseph Center in Jackson, Michigan. This program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call Pam (517-784-7585), Stephanie (517-927-1327), or Nancy (517-371-2397).

HOMELESS NIGHTS

The Christian Service team is looking for volunteers to help with the following dates for the homeless: Feb 10, 14, 18 and 22. We need help with dinner and breakfast as well as chaperones for the evening and overnight hours. The schedule is divided into 2 hour shifts. The homeless are screened through the Salvation Army. Community Congregational Church in Pinckney provides the space. All we need is your help. Please contact Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547.

COUPLE TO COUPLE

For engaged and married couples wanting to learn some practical aspects of living a chaste and holy life within their marriage covenant, The Couple to Couple League (CCL) will be offering a series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes.

Time: 9am – 12 noon

Location: St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor

Instructors: Albert & Becky Faraj

Dates: February 7, March 7, & April 4

Pre-register: Joylnn #734-429-0603 or email jschafer999@comcast.net

CHALICE PROGRAM

All the second graders were very excited and honored to have the chalice in our classroom for a week. We talked about what a vocation is and I read the book "Joseph's Hands" to the children and they really liked it!

This was a special opportunity for the children since they will be receiving the Holy Eucharist on May 3, 2009!

Sincerely, The Second Graders,

Mrs. Weber & Ms. Trierweiler

**If you are interested in hosting the chalice please contact Heather Menosky at 734-878-1394. There also is a book in the parish gathering space that you can sign up for a specific weekend! Please consider signing up as we're in urgent need of families! Thank you!*



The loss of a loved one can be very emotional and very different for each person, and therefore it can seem that no one at home knows what you are going through. Need someone with whom to talk, someone that will just listen? Call a Befriender! Contact the parish office for a referral to this ministry!

Report for	Weekly	Year To Date
January 5, 2009		07/01/08 – 01/05/2009
Offertory	\$ 14,620.25	\$ 391,440.80
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,656.00	
FaithScape/FaithQuest	<u>\$ 5,178.89</u>	<u>\$ 87,548.04</u>
	\$ 22,455.14	\$ 478,988.84
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 15,273.41	\$ 397,108.66
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	<u>\$ 8,657.31</u>	<u>\$ 225,090.06</u>
Variance	\$(1,475.58)	\$(143,209.88)

Thank you for your generous donations!

DADDY –DAUGHTER DANCE



The Knights Daughter's present their 7th Annual
Daddy-Daughter Dance
On Friday, January 23, 2009
From 7-10pm in the gym.

Make plans now for a fun filled evening of
dancing, snacks, pictures, and flowers.
Tickets will be sold at the door.
This event is open to the public!



Family Life Night
January 21 at 5:30 pm
Entrée: Baked Spaghetti, Soup,
Salad, rolls and Dessert

Please join the Parish Family for a night of food for the
body and soul as well as fellowship. Youth Group grades 6-
12, crafts, meetings, resume help; rosary making and open
gym are planned. There will also be the community board
available. Mark you calendars for the 3rd Wednesday of the
month.

Volunteers are needed to help make this ministry a huge
community building success. ANY gifts and time are
valuable. Please contact Rebecca today to help make Family
Life Night a popular night for all families.

Questions or to volunteer contact: Rebecca at 734-878-
2217, ext 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES



Beautiful for God

Speaking in Paris's Notre-Dame
Cathedral on September 12, Pope
Benedict XVI talked about the importance
of beauty in the liturgy. "Certainly," he

said, "the beauty of our celebrations can never be sufficiently
cultivated, fostered, and refined, for nothing can be too
beautiful for God, who is himself infinite beauty." Though the
earthly liturgy "will never be more than a pale reflection of the
liturgy celebrated in the Jerusalem on high," the Holy Father
said, still we should work to make our liturgies "resemble that
liturgy as closely as possible and grant us a foretaste of it."
Pope Benedict continued that theme on the same evening, at
an address to academics about the contributions of monastic
culture. Speaking in the Collège des Bernardins about the use
of the Scriptures as prayer, he noted that, "for prayer that
issues from the Word of God, speech is not enough: Music is
required." And that music, setting the Scriptures, must be
excellent because, in communal prayer, "one is singing in the
presence of the heavenly court."

RALLY FOR LIFE

A Rally for Life will be held on January 22, 2009,
the 36th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade,
from 4:15-5pm near the east steps of the
Capitol Building, Lansing.

Help build a world where human life is always
loved & defended - every form of violence banished

ATTENTION: Lay Ministers

I have begun to work on the next Lay Minister Schedule
that will start the weekend of 2/28 – 3/1/09 and end in mid
June. If you will not be able to continue with your ministry or
if you need to make changes in your availability for the next
schedule please call the Parish Office (734-878-3161) and let
them know of any **changes** by **Friday 1/16/09**. I hope to get
the new Lay Minister Schedule to you by 2/7/09.

Thanks, Peggy Clough

Youth Ministry

Website: <http://youth.stmarypinckney.org/>

St. Mary Youth Group would like to invite adults who
would like to walk with youth in their journey to a closer
relationship with Christ to volunteer in the program! Please
email or call Rebecca if you have any gifts or time to share
with the youth. There are spots available in working with both
Middle School and High School Youth.

Peace,
Rebecca Keiser

Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
01/11	10-11:15am	Formation Session
01/18		NO Formation Session
01/25	10-11:15am	Formation Session
01/31	9am-12pm	Midway Retreat
02/01	10-11:15am	Formation Session

Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
01/14	7-9pm	Youth Group ~Health~ (HS)
01/21	6:45-9pm	Youth Group ~Health~ (MS & HS)
01/23	6-9pm	MOVIE NIGHT (Exams over!) (HS)
01/27	6-8pm	Pinckney Youth PhotoVoice Exhibit
01/28	7-9pm	Youth Group ~Health~ (HS)
01/31-02/01	After Masses	Souper Bowl of Giving Collection

(Note: MS=Middle School Event and HS=High School Event)

If you have an questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217
ext. 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

MASS INTENTIONS – January 11-18

Sunday, January 11 – Baptism of the Lord

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Honor of Zachary Anderson by Mick Family

Monday, January 12

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, January 13 – St. Hilary

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Elliott

Wednesday, January 14

9:00am: In Honor of Mrs. Ernestine Forgue

Thursday, January 15

5:00pm: In Memory of Chester Buckholz by Abbott Family

Friday, January 16

9:00am: In Memory of Bryan Wick by Family

Saturday, January 17 – St. Anthony

8:30am: In Honor of Mrs. Marie Marle by Domen Family

5:00pm: In Honor of Mrs. Florence Johnson

Sunday, January 18 – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00am: In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Domen by Family

11:30am: For Our Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

January 12-13: D. Denome, B. Rea

January 19-20: J. Wilson, G. Wizgird

WEEKLY READINGS – January 11-17

Sunday: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7/Acts 10: 34-38/Ps 29

Monday: Heb 1: 1-6/Mk 1: 14-20/Ps 97

Tuesday: Heb 2: 5-12/Mk 1: 21-28/Ps 8

Wednesday: Heb 2: 14-18/Mk 1: 29-39/Ps 105

Thursday: Heb 3: 7-14/Mk 1: 40-45/Ps 95

Friday: Heb 4: 1-5, 11/Mk 2: 1-12/Ps 78

Saturday: Heb 4: 12-16/Mk 2: 13-17/Ps 19

OUR PRAYER LIST

May God's healing hand reach out and hold you:

Ron Bozek, Julie Haberl, Lauri Sue Hoffman, Jordan Keen, Christine Osmialowski, Tracy Schultz, Gloria Sdao, Tracy Schultz, Margaret Shripka, Matthew Sweet, Jane Vermeesch, Helen Zwiernikowski

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

“The Lord will bless his people with peace.”

Psalm 29

***May you have a Blessed
& Peaceful New Year!***

LAY MINISTERS – January 17-18

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: M. Bergeron, K. Hinkle, M. Moenart, S. Cowdrey,

R. Cowdrey, D. Wietecha, M. Beck, E. Hennigan, T. Kurzawa

9:00am: S. Hunter, A. Langford, H. Menosky, R. Wetzel,

B. Kolnitys, R. Kolnitys, P. Dzombak, D. Hall, M. Willacker

11:30am: Z. Jones, P. Glaser, B. Mayer, D. Miller, L. Frendt,

B. Frendt, R. O'Callaghan, K. Peavyhouse, M. Smith

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: L. Wack, L. Lichwala

9:00am: M. Flaherty, P. Clough

11:30am: T. Barrett, G. Mable

Ushers

5:00pm: R. Denome, T. Kenny, B. Beck, P. Carney,

W. Peltier, P. Meilak

9:00am: J. Polich, R. Kuczajda, B. Wetzel, N. Rickelmann,

J. Frost, T. Wilson

11:30am: J. Streu, B. Tinlin, M. Charboneau, B. Sabo,

M. Corwin

Greeters

5:00pm: M. Hinkle

9:00am: P. Gabli

11:30am: J. Jarvis, H. Jarvis

Altar Servers

5:00pm: P. Moenart (Cross), J. Nickels, J. Nickels

9:00am: M. Flaherty (Cross), E. Flaherty, P. Flaherty

11:30am: J. Glaser (Cross), T. Jones, N. Westerberg

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

Linens – January: R. Miller, M. Sheehan

Cleaning the Altar – January: Mary Rickelmann

Collection Counters

January 12: J. King, E. Cheesman, C. Cheesman, R. Miller,

J. Darrow

January 19: M. Sheehan, G. Killingbeck, N. Rickelmann

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Baptism of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that Baptism gives all of His disciples a share in His priestly work and calls them "to offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all."

We hear the Father's love and pride in His son, Jesus, in today's gospel. How interesting it is to hear that God the Father spoke these words of love, praise, and encouragement for His Son, Jesus. Jesus

was about to begin His public ministry; one laced with many challenges, trials, and eventually a horrific death. Surely the words from His Father gave Him strength to begin this journey. Our own children need to hear our words of love, encouragement and support

in their daily journey. Let us be good stewards of praise for our children, while acknowledging their gifts and uniqueness – all given by our Heavenly Father for His glory.