



Dear Parishioners,

Now we have entered "Ordinary" or counted (as in "ordinary numbers") time in the Church calendar. This means we will be working through the Gospel According to Mark from now until the beginning of Lent, and we will finish this gospel on successive Sundays after the Easter season has been completed. Mark wants us to be clear that Jesus is the foretold Messiah, and he proves it by the various activities Jesus accomplishes in quick succession. As this New Year is off to a quick start and we are all back into our busy routines, how does your life reflect that Jesus is the Lord of your life? It's time for some serious consideration.

Ways to consider this are: 1) learning more about St. Paul at the Jan. 25th Livingston County night of reflection; 2) planning now to participate in our parish Lenten retreat March 1st through 3rd; or 3) by attending the Men's Conference in Lansing on March 7th. So often people ask for education opportunities to grow in their faith. Here they are! Are you ready to stand up and live what you requested???

In Christ's peace, Fr. Bill Wegher

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!

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009
7:00pm - 12:00 midnight in the gym



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

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



Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration of Catholic schools and their contribution to their communities and the nation, is set for January 25 through January 31, 2009. For more than three decades, the nation's Catholic schools have spent the last week of January recalling what makes Catholic education special.

The 2009 theme is "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service," which highlights the mission of Catholic schools to provide a faith-based education that supports the whole child academically and spiritually and prepares students for future success.

Across the country, schools will observe the week with special Masses, community service projects, academic and artistic showcases, and athletic and family events. St. Mary Catholic School will hold an open house immediately following Masses on Sunday, January 25, so that parish and community members can learn more about the value of Catholic education.

"Civic engagement is a hallmark of Catholic education," said Karen Ristau, president of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). "The majority of elementary and secondary schools participate in service projects ranging from collecting canned goods for the homeless to rebuilding schools in the hurricane-torn gulf, so it was natural that we choose service as a major theme."

See you at the open house!

Contribution Statements for 2008!

- **Contributions of \$100 and above will be mailed soon.**
- **For your information we did not include a Family Registration Form in the year's statements. Please disregard this line on your statement.**
- **Thank you!**

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 at agarcia@stmarypinckney.org.

RCIA Sessions

January 18th Dismissal 9:00am Mass
Class #12 Prayers/Tradition 10:15-11:15am

January 25th Dismissal 11:30am Mass
Class #13 The Eucharist 12:45-1:45pm

January 31st Dismissal 5:00pm Mass
Class #14 Baptism and Confirmation 6:15pm-7:15pm

February 8th Dismissal 11:30am Mass
Class #15 Sacraments of Healing 12:45-1:45pm

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

Faith Formation Information

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.

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 that began 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. It is not too late to begin attending these weekly sessions. 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.

The Sunday assembly is the privileged place of unity: It is the setting for the celebration of the *sacramentum unitatis* which profoundly marks the church as a people gathered 'by' and 'in' the unity of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

-Dies Domini, #36

Youth Ministry

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

This message is for the teens and adults. Adults, we were all teenagers at some point in our lives whether we would like to admit it or not. I honestly am so glad I am no longer a teenager! So, from age to age being a teenager is a difficult time. Not only are there internal struggles, but there are so many outside influences that tempt us. Many of you are aware that a wonderful young lady from our youth group and myself are members of the Coalition to reduce underage drinking here in Pinckney. A team of concerned citizens, as well as state and local professionals are working to build awareness to help combat the underage drinking problem here in Pinckney.

The teens are now involved at a more committed level. They are putting on a Photo Exhibit and discussion. It is so important to support teens in their endeavors, especially when it truly is working towards the good. Please join me in supporting and learning from this group of amazing individuals. Details are included in this bulletin. The exhibit is called "EXPOSED."

You do not have to have or even know a teen to really be an amazing support with this project. Plus admission is free...cheap date night to see some wonderful art with a purpose! (Remember, it takes a village!)

Peace, Rebecca Keiser

Confirmation Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
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 any questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

BUILDING FUND

We would like to share our sincerest gratitude to the parishioners that sent in a Christmas/End of Year donation to the Building Fund and to those that have paid off their original pledge and continue to make regular payments. Thank you, we appreciate your generosity!



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 your 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

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.

DRESSER MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry is asking for your kind donations of baby items once again to benefit Pregnancy Helpline in Brighton. The dresser will be in the gathering space from January 17-25. You can pick up a tag off the dresser or bring whatever baby item you like to help those mothers who choose life. This coincides with the annual March for Life in Washington, DC to stand in opposition to the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 to legalize abortion.

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.

A WARM FAITH-FILLED EVENING

The annual Fireside Chat event at the Bread of Life Retreat Residence is being held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 7 p.m. This year's special guests are Fr. James Conlon, Retreat Director of Bethany House in DeWitt, and Mother Assumpta Long of Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Share an evening beside the fire in lively conversation on our Catholic faith, while we enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres catered by Katherine's Catering of Ann Arbor. Suggested donation is \$50 per person. Space is limited. Call 734/332-9733 to RSVP by January 26, 2009.



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES Livingston Symphony Orchestra Youth Scholarship Competition

All Livingston County high school music students are invited to participate in the LSO's first scholarship competition being held Saturday morning, February 14, 2009. Applicants must play an instrument found in a traditional symphony orchestra (string, woodwind, brass, percussion). No piano or voice, please. The First Prize winner will be awarded a \$500 summer music scholarship and the chance to perform on the Winter Livingston Symphony Orchestra Concert. Second Place will be awarded a \$350 summer music scholarship. The application deadline is February 7, 2009. Please direct all questions by email to LSOScholarship@gmail.com

ROE VS WADE

Roe vs Wade 36th Anniversary Rally at the State Capitol to mourn the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion to the day of birth in the US.

Date: January 22, 2009

Time: 4:15-5pm

Location: East Front steps of the State Capitol

Speaker: State Senator Alan Cropsey

Hot drinks and cookies will be served after the Rally at the Right to Life of Michigan office, 233 N. Walnut. Feel free to carry peaceful signs. No candles are allowed, but you may bring flashlights if you wish. Questions: call Mary Cline at 517-339-34-97.

DIVORCE & BEYOND

Have you experienced a divorce? Or, are you currently in the process of seeking a divorce? Do you know someone that is going through a divorce? Or, who has gone through a divorce but is still wrestling with the social, spiritual or psychological aspects of the divorce?

This may be the information and support that you or that special person that you know is looking for. Co-hosted by the parishes of the Livingston Region and Livingston County Catholic Social Services, this education and support group is available for you.

Divorce and Beyond is for people who are already divorced or have filed for divorce. It examines what happens to most spouses going through marital breakup. It helps participants understand what they are going through and that others have gone through the same things. Finally, it suggests activities for making divorce a growth experience.

WHEN: Friday evenings, 7- 8:30pm - January 30 – April 3

WHERE: St. Mary Magdalen,

2201 Old U.S. – 23, Brighton

REGISTRATION: Sr. Maryetta Churches, 810-229-8624

FACILITATORS: Deacon Jim Chevalier & Sr. Maryetta Churches of St. Mary Magdalen –and - Mark T. Robinson, Livingston County Catholic Social Services

There is a \$10.00 fee for the program materials and we are not able to provide child care at this time.

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Country Style Breakfast



Sponsored by
St. Mary's Men's Club
Sunday, February 1, 2009
From 8:30am to 11:00am

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds to be used to purchase new Risers for the
Church and School

Music Provided by the Choir!

Tax donation receipt available upon request.

EXPOSED:

A closer look at underage drinking



An exhibit of photographs taken by Pinckney High School students. The photos and narratives explore the problem of underage drinking and how it is both promoted and prevented in the Pinckney community. This inside look will enlighten and spark dialogue.

EXPOSED:

Underage drinking: a casual crime.

Take a look. Hear their voices. Join the conversation.

Exhibit & Reception

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Hamburg Township Library, 10411 Merrill Rd. Hamburg

Opening Remarks at 6:00 p.m.

Photos on display from 6:00-6:30 p.m.
with discussion to follow.

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact

Rebecca at 734.878.2217

Brought to you by the Pinckney Coalition
to Reduce Underage Drinking

<u>Report for</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
<u>January 12, 2009</u>		<u>07/01/08 – 01/12/2009</u>
Offertory	\$ 12,822.61	\$ 404,263.41
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 631.00	\$ 88,179.04
	\$ 13,453.61	\$ 492,442.45
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 411,482.07
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 233,747.37
Variance	\$ (9,577.11)	\$ (152,786.99)

Thank you for your generous donations!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Dear Fellow St. Mary Parishioner,

We are in need of your prayers! As we start 2009 and you are making plans to accomplish goals we sincerely hope you are considering spending more time and effort on personal prayer? There is no better place to get away and dedicate yourself to interior prayer and spiritual reading than in our parish's Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

In the December 2008 Faith magazine there is an article on the Holy Spirit Oratory Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in Lansing. Did you read that article? We as your parish adoration coordinators also are "continually looking for people who will commit one hour each week for prayer." How blessed we are to have our own parish adoration chapel here at St Mary. Making a regular holy hour is the grateful response to His presence that our Lord longs for. What keeps you from the honor of making a regular holy hour? Do you think that you will have more time in the future? Do you think that you will be more spiritually focused (holier) in the future? In these times we are all becoming more and more aware that our futures are uncertain. There is no time but the present and there is no better place to take your anxiety, concerns, wishes than to Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Please promise the Lord that you will make a regular holy hour with Him. Try it for awhile, try it through Lent until Easter, try it until the kids get out of school, try it until you find a new job, try it until your family life is more stable, try it until your love ones return to the Catholic Church, try it... We truly need you now to become a regular Eucharistic adorer and you need personal time with Jesus. It's a match made in Heaven.

Your St Mary Eucharistic Adoration Coordinators

To sign up for a regular holy hour

in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel please call

Mary Jo Nicholas 734-878-9441.

The Diocese of Lansing

Accept the Challenge 2009 Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, March 7, 2009

Men, Bring Some Order Into Your Life

The dynamic team of speakers at the 2nd Annual Diocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference will help you learn how to direct your time, thoughts, and energy toward forming a personal relationship with God.

This year's speakers will be:

Jesse Romero, a full-time bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat Christ centered preaching.

Fr. Don Calloway, M.I.C., a convert to Catholicism, is a member of the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception and states "I had a profound conversion experience after reaching rock bottom."

Ed & Eddie Reinhardt, share their journey of anguish, love, and empowerment and show us how ordinary individuals can do extraordinary things.

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

MASS INTENTIONS – January 18-25

Sunday, January 18 – 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, January 19 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, January 20 – St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

Inauguration Day

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Eric Bailey

By Domen Family

Wednesday, January 21 – St. Agnes

9:00am: In Memory of Dorothy Lindlbauer

By Pat Lindlbauer

Thursday, January 22 – Day of Penance for the Violation to the Dignity of the Human Person (Roe vs. Wade)

5:00pm: In Memory of William Gibbins by Dzombak Family

Friday, January 23

9:00am: Communion Service

Saturday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

8:30am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Memory of John Kinsler by Mick & Sue Walton

Sunday, January 25 – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (The Conversion of St. Paul)

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of William Myher by Family

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

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

January 26-27: D. Denome, T. Burke

WEEKLY READINGS – January 18-24

Sunday: 1Sm 3: 3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1: 35-42/Ps 40

Monday: Heb 5: 1-10/Mk 2: 18-22/Ps 110

Tuesday: Heb 6: 10-20/Mk 2: 23-28/Ps 111

Wednesday: Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17/Mk 3: 1-6/Ps 110

Thursday: 1 Sm 24: 3-21/Mk 3: 13-19/Ps 40

Friday: Heb 8: 6-13/Mk 3: 13-19/Ps 85

Saturday: Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14/Mk 3: 20-21/Ps 47

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

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

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit.

May I find joy in seeking to please you,

just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father.

LAY MINISTERS – January 24-25

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: P. Hohl, S. Jasinski, P. O'Brien, M. Andrus,

R. Andrus, D. Harris, J. Harris, I. Liddy, R. Miller

9:00am: J. Bartek, R. Bartek, C. Weiland, R. Weiland,

A. Nagy, T. Redpath, L. Barba, C. D'Angelo, I. Dudek

11:30am: L. Abbott, A. Storemski, B. Storemski, P. Gabel,

B. Miller, J. Mueller, K. Mueller, J. Streu, J. Brennan

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: M. Bergeron, P. Miller

9:00am: J. Weiland, D. Leonard

11:30am: B. Corwin, T. Burke

Ushers

5:00pm: T. Kenny, B. Beck, P. Carney, W. Peltier, P. Meilak, B. Outwater

9:00am: D. Aten, J. Polich, P. Gabli, B. Wetzel,

N. Rickelmann, T. Wilson

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

Greeters

5:00pm: R. Denome

9:00am: Dianne Magier

11:30am: Meldrum Family

Altar Servers

5:00pm: E. Miller (Cross), C. O'Brien, L. Bergeron

9:00am: T. Redpath (Cross), R. Kukalis, J. Kukalis

11:30am: J. Birdsong (Cross), R. Burke, N. Lefebvre

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

11:30am: Robert & Crystal Wise Family

Linens – January: R. Miller, M. Sheehan

Cleaning the Altar – January: Mary Rickelmann

Collection Counters

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

January 26: M. Glynn, C. Harbert, R. Layman

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, should be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist,

"Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will."

Today's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus recruiting His disciples. Notice how these men willingly laid down what they were doing to follow Jesus. They did not hesitate or say, "Maybe later when I'm not so busy, Lord." They approached Jesus and asked where He was staying, and then they went with Him to be in His presence. Can we do the same? How much time do we spend in the presence of the Lord? What are we willing to lay down, daily, to simply be with the Lord?