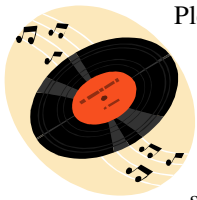


## Motown Mardi Gras and Challenge!



Please read this notice and take the challenge. All of the underlined words are song titles from artists produced by Motown Records. The first person to turn in the list of songs, artist and year to the parish office wins a little Motown Surprise! (Hint: there are 22 songs below!)

Hello,

You may have heard it through the grapevine that St. Mary is having another Mardi gras party. Since Motown Records is 50 years old this year, we thought it would be fun to celebrate with a **Motown Mardi Gras!** So, what's going on is on Saturday, **February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm** we are going to party all night long or at least until 9pm. There will be no dancing in the street because somebody's watching me. Don't get uptight you can still dance to Heat Wave as we build community and memories with food, fun and fellowship! Oh yeah and Motown Music!

STOP in the name of love for Christ and your parish family and sing I'll be there while you **mark your calendars!** Don't mess with (Fr.) Bill because you have no where to run! He's really excited so, if you don't come you might see the tears of a clown. (he he, just kidding, I can't help myself)

What does it take to put on a function at this (the) junction? Mercy, Mercy me I ain't too proud to beg. **We need volunteers** to help plan, decorate, set up and clean up.

Don't leave me this way, reach out I'll be there. Thank you in advanced! Heaven must have sent you because you've made me so very happy!

Contact Rebecca Keiser at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)



## Hooray For Hollywood St. Mary Catholic School Auction Take 12!

**Saturday, April 25, 2009 ~ 6pm**

We are currently looking for sponsors & item donations. If you would like to donate an item or if you are interested in sponsorship, please contact Krista Grossmeyer at 517-522-8009. You can also go online to [school.stmarypinckney.org](http://school.stmarypinckney.org) (click on the auction link) and donate monetarily and/or purchase tickets. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please email: [auction@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:auction@stmarypinckney.org)

Please join the youth group in gathering money and food for St. Mary food bank and for Gleaners. We will be in the gathering space after Masses this weekend **collecting money, non-perishable food** and personal supplies for the food banks. **Please check the dates we cannot accept expired food.** They are also in need of toilet paper, juice, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, and much, much more! **Even your spare change helps!**



## PANCAKE SUPPER

**Saturday, February 7, 2009  
after 5pm Mass**



Please join us for a Pancake Supper!  
All proceeds from the event will be donated to Boy Scout Troop #391 to assist them with travel costs for a High Adventure trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico!



## FREE WILL DONATION!

Event Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council  
# 11761



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Mark your Calendars  
Family Life Night  
February 18, 2009 5:30pm

**A rewarding opportunity to help nourish God's People!** FLN is looking for **6 people to serve on a FLN Planning Team.** This is a minimal time commitment. **Contact Rebecca today!** Questions or to volunteer contact: **Rebecca at 734-878-2217, ext 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)**

I look to you in the sanctuary  
To see your power and glory.  
For your love is better than life;  
My lips offer you worship!

- Ps 63:3-4

## 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 at 734.878.2217 ext 218 or email [agarcia@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:agarcia@stmarypinckney.org)

### RCIA Sessions

January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Dismissal	5:00pm Mass
<u>Class #14</u>	<i>Baptism and Confirmation</i>	6:15pm-7:15pm
February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dismissal	11:30am Mass
<u>Class #15</u>	<i>Sacraments of Healing</i>	12:45-1:45pm
February 14/15 <sup>th</sup>	NO CLASS	
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dismissal	9:00am Mass
<u>Class #16</u>	<i>Temptation/Lent</i>	10:15-11:15am

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

### Faith Formation Information

- **All children that will be celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation on February 5 or 6 must arrive to St. Mary, with parents and older siblings, by 6:50pm.**
- **Reminder: No Sunday Religious Education Session on February 15, 2009.**
- **Summer 2009 Session for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades will be held June 15-June 26 from 9am – 12noon. Registration Dates and Tuition information will be forth coming.**

### Prayers Requested!!!

Please pray for the 64 boys and girls from our parish families, who have begun preparation for their 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

“Jesus is still with us on this earth...concealed in the Eucharistic Sacrament wherein His Sacred Heart is also present.” -Pope Bl. John XXIII

## CAFÉ Wednesdays

### Book of Psalms – An Invitation to Prayer

*All are invited to participate in CAFÉ Wednesdays!*

During these sessions we will explore and ponder the psalms. The more we do this the more we will deepen our relationship with God. The psalms were the prayers of Israel in dialogue with God in the centuries before Jesus. They were the prayers of Jesus. They have always been the chief prayers of the Church. In the view of the early teachers of the Church, such as St. Augustine, the psalms remain the prayers of the glorified Jesus because he continues to pray them through us, the human members of his body. Indeed, with mysterious, multilayered meanings, the psalms speak prophetically of Jesus. Let us together explore the book of Psalms, so that we may speak more intimately with our Companion as we journey through the Lenten Season. The CAFÉ Wednesdays for the Book of Psalms will be from 7-8:30pm in Rm 152 on February 18, March 4, 11, 18, & 25. The guide that we will be using in these sessions is *Psalms: An Invitation to Prayer*. This book is available in the Faith Formation Office for \$8.00. Please contact Angela (734-878-2217 ext 218 or [agarcia@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:agarcia@stmarypinckney.org)) if you wish to attend these sessions and to purchase a book.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES**



In this issue of *Music Ministry Notes*, we will launch a new series of articles entitled “Who’s Who in the Music Ministry”, which are designed to help parishioners become better acquainted

with individuals who serve in St. Mary’s music ministry.

This weekend, the spotlight is on Joyce Wilson, a member of our adult choir. Joyce is a retired teacher and former R.N. who has been a parishioner at St. Mary’s for the past 14 years.

Her favorite hymns include “I Am the Bread of Life”, “Here I Am” (by Rory Cooney), and the beautiful setting of “Psalm 23” found in our Journeysongs hymnal. Among her favorite literary works are “Pillars of Fire” (by Follet), and most writings of Henri Nouwen, Ronald Rolheiser, and Joyce Rupp. Her favorite movie is the classic 1952 MGM musical, “Singin’ in the Rain”.

Joyce’s favorite quote is from the Bible: *...In this is love; not that we have loved God, but that He has loved us...(John 4: 7-10).*

Her hobbies include weaving, cooking, reading, and gardening. Her husband, Tom; Bishop Kenneth Untener (dec.); and mothers of children with special needs are among the people she most admires.

Finally, her proudest accomplishments are “being mom to four great kids [and] grandma to five.”

Thank you, Joyce, for sharing a bit of yourself, but especially for being such a vital part of our music ministry.

The gifts of your time and talent are greatly appreciated!

*“...and through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on!”*

*And through eternity I’ll sing on.”*

(from the hymn, “Wondrous Love”)

# Youth Ministry

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

## Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
02/01	10-11:15am	Formation Session
02/08	10-11:15am	Formation Session
02/15		NO Formation Session
02/22	10-11:15am	Formation Session

## Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
01/31-02/01	After Masses	Souper Bowl of Caring Collection
02/04	6-6:50pm	Leadership Meeting (HS)
02/04	7-9pm	Youth Group ~Health~ (HS)
02/06	7-10pm	First Friday Night Party (MS&HS)
02/11	7-9pm	Youth Group ~St Valentine Party~ (HS)
02/18	7-9pm	Youth Group ~FLN / P& W~ (MS&HS)

(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](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

## Just for Middle Schoolers!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL BLAST 2009!

For all Catholic Youth and Their Friends in grades 6, 7 and 8!

### "The Wall", DJ, Fun Workshops, Activities, Games and Door Prizes

Saturday, February 7, 2009

5:45-10:00 pm

St. Patrick Parish Life Center, Brighton MI

We will be carpooling from St. Mary

Registration due by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cost: \$10.00

(See table in the gathering space for more information and registration)

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.

## GSPN

God's Service & Prayer Network

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY!

A day of fun, food, friends and faith! Key Note speaker is the hilarious Bob Perron! Mass with Bishop Boyea! Fun Fest with Metro Inflatables and Music!

Saturday, March 14, 2009

2:00-9:00 pm

Fr. Gabriel Richard Catholic High School, Ann Arbor

We will be carpooling from St. Mary

Registration Due by February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: \$15.00

(See table in the gathering space for more information and registration)

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.



## PAR-TAY!! First Friday Night Party February 6<sup>th</sup> Open Gym, Music and Games Grades 6-12 Invited!

Just sign in at the door with an emergency number.  
Times: 7-10 pm Cost: beverage and snack to share.

## THANK YOU

A special thank you to the St. Mary Community who stepped up to the Loaves & Fish Campaign this year. As of last week you have donated \$3,000 more than 2007 with the average contribution growing from \$35.00 per family to \$60.00. Livingston County Catholic Social Services realizes what a sacrifice you chose to make, especially in these hard economic times. They are extremely grateful and pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

## 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.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

My most humble thank you to Fr. Bill and all of the St. Mary Parish Family...for your generous support, cards, and prayers for my recent surgery and successful recovery. Also special thanks to Deacon Randy and my good friends of the Rosary Altar Society. Gratefully, Liz Saines

## VEGAS NIGHT

The winners from last weekend's Turbo Texas Hold 'Em:

First Place: Angie Riley

Second Place: Dave Mourer

Third Place: Don Markustic

Fourth Place: Paige Gabel

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who joined us last Saturday evening for Vegas Night.

## THANK YOU

Thanks again to all the faithful who gave their time and talents helping decorate the church for Christmas, inside and outside, in spite of the bitter winter weather. With your help the church was beautiful and ready for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

We thank Robert Bond for the donation of the Christmas trees in the gathering space.

Surely it gave joy to Jesus seeing so many of His faithful working together to prepare for His coming.

We are truly grateful to all of you.

-Worship Team/Art & Environment

## 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.

## COUPLE PRAYER SERIES

St. Agnes Church, Fowlerville will be hosting a Couple Prayer Series on Saturday evenings from 6-8 p.m. from February 21-March 28. Instead of giving something up for Lent this year...Give something to your marriage and family...Learn how to pray together! Cost is \$60 per couple. For more information contact Marie Sheridan at St. Agnes parish; 517-223-8684; [msheridan724@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msheridan724@sbcglobal.net). For more information on this series visit [www.coupleprayer.org](http://www.coupleprayer.org).

## REFRESH RETREAT

Are you interested in making new Catholic friends? Revitalizing your inner-self? Renewing your relationship with God? Finding peace and healing from past hurts? Are you 21 to 35 years of age and single? If so, you may want to consider attending a REFRESH Weekend encounter. The next weekend will be held in Howell, on March 13-15, 2009. For more information please contact Hallie: 734-418-8975; Eric: 734-697-0823 or email [refreshlansing@gmail.com](mailto:refreshlansing@gmail.com)

## ATTN: HOME EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### St. Augustine's Home Education Program Open House – February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Are you a Catholic homeschooling family looking to enhance your classical curriculum? Our program offers homeschooled students 1-2 ½ days of history, literature, writing, logic, philosophy, theology, science, and schola (Latin choir) all taught in small, seminar-style classes. Spaces are available for students ages 10-17, for the 2009-2010 academic year. To experience the joy of such a Catholic approach to homeschooling, come and see us on February 4<sup>th</sup> at Old St. Patrick Church in Ann Arbor or call Henry and Crystal Russell at 734-222-4612.

<u>Report for</u> <u>January 26, 2009</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>07/01/08-1/26/2009</u>
Offertory	\$ 11,315.56	\$ 425,824.47
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 1,228.06	\$ 91,078.10
	\$ 12,543.62	\$ 516,902.57
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 440,228.89
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 251,061.99
Variance	\$(10,487.10)	\$(174,388.31)
Worldwide Evangelization	\$ 2,285.75	

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

## 50+ CCA LENTEN RETREAT

**FEATURING:** Fr. Larry Delaney  
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

**THEME:** "How Does Our Catholic Faith Support Us?"

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009

**WHERE:** St. Augustine Parish, Deerfield Township  
6481 Faussett Road (east of Argentine Rd.)  
Howell, MI

**TIME:** Registration: 9:30am  
Retreat: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**COST:** \$9.00; includes lunch and all related costs.

**DEADLINE:** **March 2, 2009**

**TICKETS:** Available from the 50+ CCA representative at each parish or by calling Livingston County Catholic Social Services at 517-545-5944.

*All community members over 50 years of age are welcome to attend.*

## RUMMAGE SALE

Dexter Knights of Columbus  
8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road, Dexter  
February 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>: 8:30am – 8pm  
February 21<sup>st</sup>: 8:30am – 11am

## UPCOMING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

### Walking with Grief

6-week series, 6:30pm-8pm  
Thursdays, March 19, 2009 – April 12, 2009  
Thursdays, May 21, 2009 – June 25, 2009

### Survivors of Suicide

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7pm-9pm

\*All sessions are open to the community and free of charge. Sessions will be held at Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital, 620 Byron Road, Community Room 2, Howell. To register call 517-540-9125 or 517-540-9131.



**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

## MASS INTENTIONS –February 1 - 8

### **Sunday, February 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am:** In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Greg Elliott & Family  
By Sue Domen  
**11:30am:** For Our Parish

### **Monday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

### **Tuesday, February 3 – St. Blaise & St. Ansgar**

**9:00am:** Communion Service  
**5:00pm:** In Honor of Chris Elliott and Family by Sue Domen

### **Wednesday, February 4**

**9:00am:** In Memory of William Gibbins by St. Mary School

### **Thursday, February 5 – St. Agatha**

**5:00pm:** In Honor of Margaret Whalen by Gail Gonos

### **Friday, February 6 – St. Paul Miki & his companions**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Chester Buckholz by Dzombak Fam.

### **Saturday, February 7**

**8:30am:** NO MASS  
**5:00pm:** In Memory of Sean Hewitt  
By Duane & Sharon Bordine

### **Sunday, February 8 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am:** For Our Parish  
**11:30am:** In Memory of Margaret Murphy  
By Theresa Murphy

## COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

**February 2-3:** J. Wilson, G. Wizgird  
**February 9-10:** D. Denome, B. Rea

## WEEKLY READINGS –February 1-7

**Sunday:** Dt 18: 15-20/1Cor 7: 32-35/Mk 1:21-28/Ps 95  
**Monday:** Mal 3: 1-4/Heb 2: 14-18/Lk 2: 22-40 or  
Lk 2: 22-32/Ps 24  
**Tuesday:** Heb 12: 1-4/Mk 5: 21-43/Ps 22  
**Wednesday:** Heb 12: 4-7, 11-15/Mk 6: 1-6/Ps 103  
**Thursday:** Heb 12: 18-19, 21-24/Mk 6: 7-13/Ps 48  
**Friday:** Heb 13: 1-8/Mk 6: 14-29/Ps 27  
**Saturday:** Heb 13: 15-17, 20-21/Mk 6: 30-34/Ps 23

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Julie Haberl, Ebe Hennigan, Lauri Sue Hoffman, Kim Joseph,  
Jordan Keen, Christine Osmialowski, Cindy Schang, Tracy  
Schultz, Gloria Sdao, Margaret Shripka, Matthew Sweet, Jane  
Vermeesch, Helen Zwiernikowski

## **Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!**

*Lord Jesus, I welcome you. I am grateful for your sacrifice,  
which enables me to receive your presence. I empty myself of  
the things of this world and place myself before your throne.  
Holy Spirit, come and fill me with wisdom.*

## LAY MINISTERS –February 7-8

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

**5:00pm:** S. Jasinski, E. Hennigan, P. O'Brien, M. Andrus,  
R. Andrus, D. Harris, J. Harris, I. Liddy, R. Miller  
**9:00am:** P. Hohl, R. Weiland, C. Weiland, M. Kuczajda,  
P. Dzombak, D. Hall, M. Willacker, L. Barba, R.  
Bartkovich  
**11:30am:** L. Abbott, A. Storemski, B. Storemski, L. Frendt,  
B. Frendt, J. Mueller, K. Mueller, K. Peavyhouse, J. Streu

### Proclaimers of the Word

**5:00pm:** L. Nickels, M. Bergeron  
**9:00am:** D. Leonard, S. Wild  
**11:30am:** D. Wise, D. Wise

### Ushers

**5:00pm:** P. Carney, R. Denome, T. Kenny, B. Beck,  
P. Meilak, B. Outwater  
**9:00am:** J. Polich, R. Kuczajda, P. Gabli, N. Rickelmann,  
J. Frost, T. Wilson  
**11:30am:** J. Streu, B. Tinlin, M. Charboneau, B. Sabo,  
M. Corwin

### Greeters

**5:00pm:** J. Carney  
**9:00am:** S. Reynolds, M. Reynolds  
**11:30am:** W. Brown

### Altar Servers

**5:00pm:** C. O'Brien (Cross), J. Nickels, J. Nickels  
**9:00am:** A. Claffey (Cross), S. Polich, C. Polich  
**11:30am:** A. Boote (Cross), P. Rutkowski, M. Schmidt

### Offertory Gifts

**5:00pm:** Please sign up.  
**9:00am:** Please sign up.  
**11:30am:** Please sign up.

### Home Chalice Program

**11:30am:** Jones Family

**Linens – February:** F. Kinsey, L. Lavey

**Cleaning the Altar – February:** J. Helmboldt

### Collection Counters:

**February 2:** S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski  
**February 9:** A. Martin, H. Menosky, (Special Collection:  
Need an extra person, please call parish office)

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moses told the people: "A prophet like me, will the Lord, your  
God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen." God  
still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary  
to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to  
share?

"All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new  
teaching with authority." What an incredible experience it must  
have been to live during the time of Jesus, and to witness first  
hand His power and glory. Yet even today the Lord's power is  
visible among us. Still today, the teaching of Jesus has  
authority. Let us feed upon God's Word in awe and praise for  
the Lord IS still ruler and authority of us all. God's Kingdom is  
where our eyes should be set; our lives focused, not on the  
circumstances of our day which will pass like leaves in the  
wind. To Jesus be power and glory forever and ever. Amen!