



Dear Parishioners,

It's hard to believe we are already in February, and that means that Lent is right around the corner. This year Ash Wednesday is on February 25th, and we will again have a parish Mardi Gras party. Our parish Mardi Gras will be on Saturday, February 21st, following the 5:00 p.m. mass. A family event, it is a chance to share some good food, listen to some fun music, laugh a little, and enjoy fellow parishioners. This year's theme is "Motown Mardi Gras," as the music industry celebrates Michigan's unique contribution on its 50th anniversary. Come ready to have some fun.

With that, I would like to ask for help. Rebecca Keiser is organizing the event, but we need a lot of volunteers. As many of you know, Ebe Hennigan - one of our finest parishioners is seriously ill with cancer. This sudden diagnosis has shocked us all. Ebe has truly been a leader over the years, but within this past year alone she helped organize last year's Punxigras Celebration, as well as the island flower planting that so beautified our parish last summer. She is quite a lesson on how much one person can do, but also a lesson on why we need so many more hands and volunteers to assist and assume stewardship around the parish. Will you help out and honor her by your service, while praying for her? I hope so.

Peace and prayers, Fr. Bill Wegher

**CHANGE!!!! DUE TO The Motown Mardi Gras there will not be Family Life Night in February! PLEASE bring your family to the Mardi Gras Celebration on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> instead!**



Motown Mardi Gras -February 21  
After Mass

Since Motown Records is 50 years old this year, we thought it would be fun to celebrate with a **Motown Mardi Gras!**  
Everyone is invited!

**Cost:** \$5.00 for single tickets and \$10.00 per

family.

**Main Dish provided: Spirit of Detroit Coney Dogs!**

**Bring a dish to pass.** Suggestion:

Last Name beginning with:

**A-L: Any type of Salad**

**M-Z: Dessert**

**Cash bar available**

**Activities: Motown Music and dancing, Euchre, Board games, open gym, kids craft and MAYBE Karaoke.**

**Ways to get involved:** Volunteers to help plan, decorate, set up and clean up; Volunteers to help serve main dish; Bartenders; Old 45 records that you don't want back; Any other Motown type décor we can borrow; Help obtaining Karaoke equipment and music to borrow; Artistic/Creative people to put together a Hall of Fame display! Contact Rebecca at 734-878-2217, ext. 203.

## HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

### ST. MARY SCHOOL AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2009

Join us for a night on the town –  
Hollywood style.

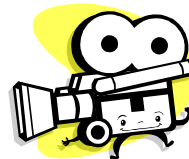
Arrive on the red carpet by 6pm  
& enjoy foods from area restaurants  
as you bid on hundreds of silent items  
& excursions.



Our food vendors include – Brighton House, Lakelands Country Club, Dragon Court, the Pinckney Grill and many more. Be sure to visit the Viper Club too!

As the silent concludes and the LIVE auction unfolds, you can indulge your sweet tooth with Desserts by Randy and our delicious Bear Claw coffee station. You might even catch a glimpse of the Rat Pack.

By 9pm the gym is center stage and the "reel" stars of the show come out.



It's your chance to bid on Hawaii, Africa, Verlander, Disney, Ali, and new this year - Survivor Sleepover @ St. Mary.

Top the night with Riverside Pizza.  
Get your glam on!

Online tickets available now –  
[school.stmarypinckney.org](http://school.stmarypinckney.org)  
Also accepting monetary or item donations.

## HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

## 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](mailto:agarcia@stmarypinckney.org)

### RCIA Sessions

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

February 14/15<sup>th</sup> NO CLASS

February 22<sup>nd</sup> Dismissal 9:00am Mass  
Class #16 *Temptation/Lent* 10:15-11:15am

February 28<sup>th</sup> Rite of Sending/Dismissal 5:00pm  
Mass Class #17 *Sacraments of Vocation* 6:15-7:15pm

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

## Faith Formation Information

- **Congratulations to all of the boys and girls who celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation this past Thursday and Friday! May you continue to bask in God's love, forgiveness and mercy.**
- **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.**

### Summer Catechists Needed

- **If you would like to share your love of Christ and your Catholic faith as a Summer Catechist please contact Angela. This is an awesome and rewarding way to bring the children from our parish family closer to Christ. Please take some time to pray and discuss with your family if God is calling you to share your time, love, and faith with children from our parish family.**
- **Reminder: Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:20-11:20am will be a 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist Parent Meeting in the multi-use room. Any families who will have a child preparing to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist this year, at least one parent must attend this important meeting. This meeting is for parents from Religious Education, Homeschool, and St. Mary School.**

## No Sunday Religious Education Session next Sunday, February 15, 2009.

### **THANK YOU**

*On behalf of the Bozek family, I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the St. Mary's Casserole Crew. With every meal delivered, came an unconditional smile and a warm meal. Words can not express what this gracious ministry has done for our family in our time of need.*

*Sincerely, Kate Bozek & Family*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist Preparation

**Mrs. Hayes' Sacrament Preparation Class will return to the Sunday Sessions on March 1<sup>st</sup> to begin their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist preparation. Mrs. Battle's Sunday Session 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will continue to attend their Sunday classes weekly. (This class will begin 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist preparation on March 1<sup>st</sup>.)**

## 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.

## **ATTENTION: Married and Engaged Couples!!**

Instead of giving something up for Lent this year...

Give something to your marriage and family...

Learn how to pray together... Join our

### **Couple Prayer Series**

#### Saturday evenings during Lent

**February 21 – March 28 from 6-8pm**

**St. Agnes Church, Fowlerville**

The **Together with Jesus Couple Prayer Series** for engaged or married couples is a six-week, one-evening-per-week experience in shared faith where couples can safely and peacefully learn how to pray together. St. Agnes parish will host the series led by facilitators Jeff and Kathy Thomas. Registration Fee is \$55.00 per couple. If financial assistance is needed please contact Kathy or Marie at the contact information below.

### **REGISTRATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 14**

Kathy Thomas; 248-889-0634;

[kathythomas@holyspirithighland.com](mailto:kathythomas@holyspirithighland.com)

Marie Sheridan; St. Agnes Parish; 517-223-8684;

[msheridan724@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msheridan724@sbcglobal.net)

For more information about this Series visit

[www.coupleprayer.org](http://www.coupleprayer.org)

## KNIGHTS FREE THROW INFORMATION

The Diocesan finals date for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest has been **CHANGED** to Sunday, February 22, 2009. This will still be held at Lansing Catholic High School. Registration is at 9:00 am, the competition starts at 11:00 am. Please pray that our St. Mary representatives do well. Any questions should be directed to Kevin @734-878-6902.

### **ATTENTION: Lay Ministers**

The new Lay Ministry Schedule is NOW available ON-LINE as of this weekend, February 7<sup>th</sup>. There will also be photo copies available in the gathering space for those families who do not have internet access. (This will greatly cut our printing costs Thank you!)

This schedule begins on the weekend of February 28 – March 1, and extends through the weekend of June 20-21. The Liturgical Ministry Roster is only updated annually and so the one you received last fall is still active. If you are a new Lay Minister or if you have misplaced your Liturgical Ministry Roster you can get one from the parish office. You will need the phone number listing if you have to find a substitute. Blessings on all who are serving our faith community as Lay Ministers.

Thanks, Peggy Clough

## **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: 10am – 2 pm

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

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

**TICKETS:** Available from the 50+ CCA representative (Fran McLaughlin at 734-878-9959) or by calling Livingston County Catholic Social Services at 517-545-5944. All community members over 50 years of age are welcome to attend.

<b>Report for</b>		<b>Year To Date</b>
<b>February 2, 2009</b>	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>07/01/08–02/02/09</b>
Offertory	\$ 15,166.60	\$ 440,991.07
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 3,664.23	\$ 94,742.33
	\$ 18,830.83	\$ 535,733.40
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 454,602.30
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 259,719.30
Variance	(\$ 4,199.89)	(\$178,588.20)

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

## WALK FOR WARMTH

During the cold months many people are forced to choose between heating their homes or eating. Especially during these hard economic times and continued high heating costs, you can help prevent the shut off of heat to struggling citizens by participating in the Oakland Livingston Human Service (OLHSA) annual “Walk for Warmth” fund raiser. It will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009 at the Hartland Education Support Service Center (the old high school) on 9525 Highland Rd., Howell from 9 a.m. until noon. Pledge forms and team packets are available by calling OLHSA at 517/546-8500. Donations from those who cannot participate are always welcome. This family event benefits low-income, elderly and disabled individuals as well as residents who have experienced a family crisis, such as the death of a spouse, unemployment or high medical bills.

### **The Diocese of Lansing Accept the Challenge 2009**

It promises to be challenging, soul-searching, and uplifting...a day that will help you find the peace, order, direction, and comfort so often missing in our lives. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diocese of Lansing Accept the Challenge 2009 Catholic Men’s Conference, “For With God All Things Are Possible,” will help you gain a game plan for holiness, renew your commitment to God, church and others, set your faith on fire and find new meaning for your life. Join other men at all levels of faith as nationally known and dynamic speakers help us direct our time, thoughts, and energy toward forming a personal relationship with God on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8am, at the Lansing Center, Lansing, MI. All seats will be \$40 pre-register, \$45 at the door, \$40 for high school/college young men. Purchase tickets at [www.acceptthechallenge.org](http://www.acceptthechallenge.org)

### **MEN’S NIGHT**

All men are invited to experience the Holy Spirit and how it provides us with the muscle to strengthen our minds and our souls. Father Ed Fride will present “Spiritual Muscle” on February 19, 2009 at St. Patrick Church (Brighton) Men’s Speaker Night. As a Charismatic priest with a deep devotion to Our Lord, he has a profound love for Scripture and the Jewish people. Father Fride, pastor at Christ the King parish in Ann Arbor, has been to Israel many times and knows the culture. Mass and fellowship will precede Father Fride’s discussion; 7:00-9:00 p.m.

### **FISH DINNERS**

St. Mary’s Men’s Club  
will be holding their FISH DINNERS  
every Friday during Lent  
(Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27, & April 3)  
From 4:30-7pm in the multi-use room  
Pricing:  
Adults: \$8; Seniors: \$7; Children: \$4  
Family: \$25 (immediate family only)  
Take-outs available!

## RAFFLE SPONSOR

We are looking for a business to help sponsor the printing of this year's parish raffle tickets. If interested please contact the parish office. Thank you.

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Have you seen the new show, "What Would You Do?" They present real life scenarios to see what people would do. Are people willing to step up and come to the aid of other people? Well, we are hoping you will come to the aid of your parish and school. One of our custodians will be having knee replacement surgery and will be off work probably until June. St. Mary is hoping you will step up and volunteer to help out a couple of hours each day, once or twice a week whatever you can do to assist with light custodial work such as sweeping, vacuuming, sanitizing sinks, desks, and door knobs, etc. We are looking for volunteers to start next week, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church or school office to volunteer. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

## SCHOOL CORNER - 6<sup>TH</sup> Grade News

In Religion we are studying the Old Testament. We are learning about the leadership qualities of Moses and Joshua. We are also exploring leadership roles in our own life. We will also be starting the family life program next week.

In English we are working on writing effective sentences.

In Literature we are currently studying what a biography and autobiography is. We are also starting to do research on a biography that we are going to write.

In Science we are studying "The Flow of Fresh Water" and specifically learning about the active river, stream and river deposits, water underground and using water wisely.

In Math we are working on data and graphs.

In Social Studies we are studying Ancient Greece. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade is also collecting used small batteries to promote a "Green School".

We would like to thank the following parents who spent a wonderful field-trip day with us: Mr. Craig, Mrs. Flaherty, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Wack, Mrs. Westerberg, and Mr. Wilson. You all really helped make our day special.



**A Huge Thank you to all of you who supported our St. Mary's food bank by donating this past weekend! Your generous contributions will bless many in need!**

## Just for High School Seniors!

James F. and Virginia M. Coughlin Scholarship

For seniors committed to Youth Service!

Amount: \$1500 Date Due: February 28, 2009

Applications available on back table in the gathering space or call Rebecca Keiser at 734-878-2217 ext. 203



Mark your Calendars  
Family Life Night  
March 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)

## Youth Ministry

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

### Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
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:
02/11 (HS)	7-9pm	Youth Group ~St Valentine Party~
02/18 (MS&HS)	7-9pm	Youth Group ~FLN / P& W~

(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!

### 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 details)

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.

## Just for High School Seniors!

Fr. Charles Irvin Writing -Scholarship 2009

Sponsored by FAITH Magazine!

Amount: \$1000 Date Due: April 3, 2009

**MUST be sent in by DRE, CYM, teacher or pastor!**

Information available on back table in the gathering space or call Rebecca Keiser at 734-878-2217 ext. 203

## **MASS INTENTIONS –February 8 - 15**

**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

**Monday, February 9**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**Tuesday, February 10 – St. Scholastica**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Henry & Julia Fritsch

By George & Irene Dudek

**Wednesday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Lawrence Page, Sr.

By Dzombak Family

**Thursday, February 12**

**5:00pm:** In Honor of Karen Dilworth by Sue Domen

**Friday, February 13**

**9:00am:** In Honor of Dan & Lori Hall & Family

By Salowitz Family

**Saturday, February 14 – St. Cyril & St. Methodius**

**8:30am:** In Memory of Dorothy Wetherbee

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Alfred Orlow by Al Orlow

**Sunday, February 15 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Chester Bucholtz

By St. Mary School

**11:30am:** For Our Parish

## **COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS**

**February 9-10:** D. Denome, B. Rea

**February 16-17:** B. Rea, J. Wilson

## **WEEKLY READINGS –February 8-14**

**Sunday:** Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1: 29-39/Ps 147

**Monday:** Gn 1: 1-19/Mk 6: 53-56/Ps 104

**Tuesday:** Gn 1: 20-2: 4a/Mk 7: 1-13/Ps 8

**Wednesday:** Gn 2: 4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7: 14-23/Ps 104

**Thursday:** Gn 2: 18-25/Mk 7: 24-30/Ps 128

**Friday:** Gn 3: 1-8/Mk 7: 31-37/Ps 32

**Saturday:** Gn 3: 9-24/Mk 8: 1-10/Ps 90

## **OUR PRAYER LIST**

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

Joan Bates, Noah Costa, Julie Haberl, Ebe Hennigan, Lauri Sue Hoffman, Kim Joseph, Jordan Keen, Linda Landau, Christine Osmialowski, Cindy Schang, Tracy Schultz, Gloria Sdao, Margaret Shripka, Matthew Sweet, Jane Vermeesch, Bob Wild, Jr., Helen Zwiernikowski

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

## **LAY MINISTERS –February 14-15**

### **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

**5:00pm:** M. Bergeron, K.Kinkle, L. Wack, P. Miller, J.

Pepper, R. Peterson, D. Wietecha, M. Beck, T. Kurzawa

**9:00am:** S. Hunter, A. Nagy, H. Menosky, M. Kuczajda,

R. Stevens, D. Cieciek, M. Woods, C. D'Angelo, I. Dudek

**11:30am:** Z. Jones, B. Miller, J. Mueller, K. Mueller,

B. Frendt, L. Frendt, P. Glaser, M. Smith, J. Brennan

### **Proclaimers of the Word**

**5:00pm:** D. Denome, L. Lichwala

**9:00am:** T. Rea, M. Flaherty

**11:30am:** A. Shmina, C. Bozek

### **Ushers**

**5:00pm:** R. Denome, D. Pepper, T. Kenny, B. Beck, P. Meilak, B. Outwater

**9:00am:** P. Gabli, J. Polich, R. Kuczada, B. Wetzel,

N. Rickelmann, T. Wilson

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

M. Corwin

### **Greeters**

**5:00pm:** M. Hinkle

**9:00am:** W. Stevens

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

### **Altar Servers**

**5:00pm:** L. Bergeron (Cross), S. Wack, E. Miller

**9:00am:** K. Nagy (Cross), S. Masinda, D. Hunter

**11:30am:** S. Tarske (Cross), T. Tarske, L. Yahr

### **Offertory Gifts**

**5:00pm:** Please sign up.

**9:00am:** David Nagy Family

**11:30am:** Please sign up.

### **Home Chalice Program**

**9:00am:** Willacker Family

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

**Cleaning the Altar – February:** M. Rickelmann

### **Collection Counters**

**February 9:** A. Martin, H. Menosky, (Special Collection: Need an extra person, please call parish office)

**February 16:** J. King, E. Cheesman, C. Cheesman,

R. Miller, J. Darrow

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

Rising very early, before dawn, Jesus went off to a deserted place where He prayed. Imagine that. Christ needed to spend time in prayer with His Father – time in worship, praise, petition, gratitude, and silence. Jesus has set the example for each of us; to give of our first fruits of each day to our Heavenly Father. Beginning each day in the presence of the Lord grounds us in Him, and provides us with the grace, strength, and love needed to do His will, using the gifts with which He has blessed us, and for His glory.