



Dear Parishioners,

Please mark your calendars for the following two items - both of which have further explanation in this week's bulletin:

1) Our parish Mardi Gras - with a Motown theme. This fun evening is one of good Christian fun and fellowship. Please pre-purchase your tickets so that we can prepare properly, and it gives you a chance to win an "early bird" prize.

2) Please note that our bi-annual parish Lenten Retreat will take place the first Sunday of Lent, followed by Monday and Tuesday.

Due to lack of participation the last couple of years for the Lenten Soup and Substance presentations, they will not take place this year.

In Christ's love, Fr. Bill Wegher

NOTICE: SCHEDULE CHANGES

The church floor will be waxed on

February 16-17. Therefore, the Monday & Tuesday morning Communion Services as well as the Tuesday evening Mass for that week will be held in the Chapel. Please enter through the doors by the Adoration Chapel.

ATTENTION: Lay Ministers

The new Lay Ministry Schedule is NOW available ONLINE. 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

Have you heard the saying,
"Many hands make light work...Because it is
but little to everyone?"

We are hoping to get many hands to volunteer to help maintain the church and school while one of our custodians is off work until June for a knee replacement. Please contact the church or school office if you are willing to assist with some light custodial work such as sweeping, vacuuming, etc. "...the hand of the diligent enriches."

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Plan now to attend our parish lenten mission "Why God? Why Church? Why me?" Explore ways to live out your faith in our modern world with our presenter, Fr. Don Andrie of the Paulist Fathers. Retreat sessions will be held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening (March 1-3) at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Space. Plan to attend Mass at 5:00 on Tuesday evening, then join us for a simple soup supper before the presentation. Simple refreshments will be served Sunday and Monday evening. Look for more information in the gathering space and on the parish website or contact Beth Corwin at 517-518-0703 or bethcorwin@yahoo.com

PROPER DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS AND OTHER SACRAMENTALS

Lent is nearly upon us again, and you may be wondering what to do with the blessed palms you received last year. Please return palms and other broken or unused sacramentals such as rosaries and medals to the box placed in the gathering space for that purpose. We will assure these items are treated with reverence, and are repaired, passed on to someone who can use them as an encouragement or disposed of properly. Remember--we need to receive these items now--not after the new palms are distributed.

Motown Mardi Gras

February 21, 2009

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. (Also bring a non-expired food item for the pantry!)

Main Dish provided: Spirit of Detroit Coney Dogs!

Bring a dish to pass. 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.

Contact Rebecca Keiser at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

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. 21st instead!

Mark your Calendars

Family Life Night

March 18, 2009 5:30pm



A rewarding opportunity to help nourish God's People!

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

February 14/15th NO CLASS

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

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

March 1st Hour of Reflection at -
St. Mary Parish 1:00pm-1:45pm
Rite of Election (St. John Parish, Fenton) 3:00pm

March 7/8th NO CLASS

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

Faith Formation Information

- **Summer 2009 Session for Kindergarten through 8th 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 8th from 10:20-11:20am will be a 1st Holy Eucharist Parent Meeting in the multi-use room. Any families who will have a child preparing to receive 1st 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 this Sunday, February 15, 2009.

The Eucharist signifies charity, and therefore recalls it, makes it present and at the same time brings it about. Every time that we consciously share in it, there opens in our souls a real dimension of that unfathomable love that includes everything that God has done and continues to do for us human beings.

- Dominicae Cenae, #5

1st Holy Eucharist Preparation

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

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) if you wish to attend these sessions and to purchase a book.

SCHOOL CORNER – 7th GRADE NEWS

The seventh graders are keeping busy during these cold winter months. We are taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills this week.

In Religion, we are learning about the healing sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. Following this chapter, we will begin our Family Life studies. In Math, we are working with scale and proportion. In Life Science, we are looking at the characteristics that all living things share and what organisms need to do to stay alive.

Social Studies class finds us in the Latin American region, and in the Language Arts we are working on writing effective sentences, studying the theme of a story, and writing a biography.

We had a fun and educational field trip to the Impression 5 Science Center in Lansing. We thank Mrs. Lefebvre for joining us as a chaperone!

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, Jordan Styrk, Kurt Whitlow

SALUTE TO THE STARS

Livingston County Catholic Social Services (LCCSS) presents their *5th Annual Salute to the Stars!* The event will be held on March 28, 2009, at the St. Patrick Parish Life Center in Brighton and will include dinner, silent auction and music by Livingston Brass Ensemble.

This year's Honorees are: *Michael Falinski, Joan Hutchinson, Patricia Claffey, Holy Spirit St. Vincent DePaul and the Seeker of Justice Award recipient: Love INC.* Come and help us applaud the talents and efforts of these special people and organizations!

For tickets, more information or to make a donation, please call Julie at 517-545-5944.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE

2009 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Give a man you know the opportunity to discover what Christians have known for centuries—that faith is more enriching than financial success and more fulfilling than earthly rewards. Encourage him to attend the 2nd Annual Diocese of Lansing Accept the Challenge 2009 Catholic Men's Conference, "For With God All Things Are Possible." The Conference promises that the day will raise his spirits as few days can.

Encourage him to join other men at all levels of faith as nationally known and dynamic speakers help him direct his time, thoughts, and energy toward forming a personal relationship with God. The day is March 7th from 8am-3:30pm at the Lansing Center. All seats will be \$40 pre-registered, \$45 at the door, \$30 for high school/college young men. The Conference promises to be challenging, soul-searching, and uplifting. At the Conference he will: find new meaning for his life, set his faith on fire, gain a game plan for holiness, renew his commitment to God, church and others. Purchase tickets online at www.acceptthechallenge.org

LABOR OF LOVE MINISTRY SEEKS HANDY PEOPLE

Labor of Love is seeking volunteers for its annual Project Day, which will be held on May 2, 2009. This program is designed to reach out and assist the elderly, disabled and financially challenged to maintain and repair their homes so that they may continue to live independently. Labor of Love is affiliated with Love In The Name of Christ, a non-profit group of 42 local churches that have banded together under a common umbrella organization to address the community's need for social services and assistance.

Recipients of the Labor of Love services are selected based on nominations from area social service agencies, pastors and congregations. Those selected receive these services completely free of charge. If you know of someone that could benefit from home repair services, interior cleaning, or a spring yard clean up, please go to www.laboroflovelivingston.com and fill out the brief online nomination form. If you are interested in serving the Lord by helping others with repairs, contact Allan Lutes (734-769-1900 or alutes@alpharemodeling.com) or Suzanne Biddex (810-227-5099 or outreach@shepherdsvoice.org)



St Mary's Health Ministry

Team, in partnership with St Joseph's Faith Community Nursing is looking for parish members to join our team! If you are a health professional interested in using your gifts and knowledge to help St Mary's faith-based community please contact:

Rose Boos (517)8519328 timboos@yahoo.com or
Becky Eggleston (517)548-1798 regglest@umich.edu
Feel free to join us for our next meeting Wednesday, February 18, 7-8pm- conference room A.

Nurses, Physicians, Dentists, Pharmacists, Dieticians, Teachers, Social Workers, Therapists, and other health related professionals we would love to have you as part of our Health Ministry Team!

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you so much for your generous giving over the holidays and into the New Year. We served over 175 people in December as well as over 40 people in January. God is good! All of these efforts have left the food pantry fairly empty. The following is a list of the items we are in major need of. Please consider giving to the pantry as a way of helping others who are in need. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at 810-231-6116! Your kindness is greatly appreciated. God bless!

Lisa Wack, Christian Service

Please remember to check the expiration dates.

We cannot give out expired food!

* Cereal, Oatmeal, Jelly, Juice, Laundry Soap, Toilet Paper, Soup, Canned veggies (Corn, green beans, potatoes, mixed veggies), Pancake/Baking mix, Dish soap

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.

MEETING REMINDERS

- There will be no Rosary Makers Meeting this Wednesday, February 18th!
- The Men's Club will be meeting this Thursday, February 19th!

<u>Report for</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
<u>February 9, 2009</u>		<u>07/01/08-02/09/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 14,313.67	\$ 455,304.74
FaithScape/FaithQuest	<u>\$ 1,012.00</u>	<u>\$ 95,754.33</u>
	\$ 15,325.67	\$ 551,059.07
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 468,975.71
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	<u>\$ 8,657.31</u>	<u>\$ 268,376.61</u>
Variance	\$ (7,705.05)	\$ (186,293.25)

Thank you for your generous donations!



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

Meet Our Youth Choir!

St. Mary's Youth Choir is comprised of volunteer singers, grades 4-8, who rehearse every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 pm in the school band room. They are dedicated, bright, and most of all, they love to sing!

Every other month the choir participates at one weekend Mass. Eventually, they will have the opportunity to perform in concerts and other special events as well.

There are also numerous benefits to singing in the choir. These include: learning to appreciate many styles of music, learning to read music, better sung participation in liturgies, the responsibility of providing musical leadership at Mass, and nurturing a desire to sing that will continue into adulthood.

So what, after all, is the purpose of a youth choir? So that our youth have the opportunity to work together and praise God; to meet the needs of our faith community; to touch people's lives; to share their Catholic faith; to learn to be "one team" for "one purpose": to spread the Good News of the Gospel; to take pride in doing a job very, very well; to grow musically and spiritually...all while having fun!

A youth choir, however, does not happen by accident. It takes a lot of recruiting, planning, and especially, the dedication and commitment of singers and their parents.

At this time, vacancies are now being filled. All youth, grades 4-8, are eligible to join. No prior experience is necessary, just a love for singing. Best of all, no potential member is required to audition! For more information and to register, please contact music director, Tony Giamanco, at 734-878-3161, Ext. 213, or by e-mail: giamanco@stmarypinckney.org.

Many thanks to the following bright and dedicated youth who are current youth choir members: Adam Flickema, Hannah Flickema, Rachel Flickema, Jacqueline Hillis, Faith Klein, Patrick Rutkowski, Macie Toy, Emily Witttrup, Emma Yahr, Lucy Yahr, Jaret Burton, Sydney Swope, Tabitha Jones, Selina Ortiz, Alana Sullivan, Brooke Craig, Sarah Hur, Lizzie Redpath, and Taylor Wilson.

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into the Lord's presence with singing. Psalm 100: 2

Deo Gratias,
Tony Giamanco, Music Director, St. Mary Parish

Middle School DANCE Attention ALL 6-8th graders!!!

It's your PARTY!

A dance just for you! All middle school aged students are invited to a dance February 20th!

Time: 7pm-10pm
Place: St. Mary Gym
Cost: \$5.00

PLUS a non-expired, non-perishable food item for the pantry.

BRING A FRIEND SO YOU KNOW SOMEONE!
(if that is your excuse :)

Youth Ministry

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

Confirmation Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
02/15		NO Formation Session
02/22	10-11:15am	Formation Session
03/01	10-11:15am	Formation Session

Youth Group Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
02/15	after 11:30 Mass	Help Move Chairs (Everyone)
02/16	5:30-7pm	Lock In Team Meeting
02/18	6-6:50pm	Main Game & Props/Décor Meetings
02/18	7-9pm	Youth Group ~P& W~ (MS&HS)
02/25		No Youth Group/Meetings (Ash Wed)

(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

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 16th.

Cost: \$15.00

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

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.

Just for High School Seniors!

James F. and Virginia M. Coughlin Scholarship
For seniors committed to Youth Service!

Amount: \$1500

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

Fr. Charles Irvin Writing
Scholarship 2009

Sponsored by FAITH Magazine!
Amount: \$1000

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 15-22

Sunday, February 15 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: In Memory of Chester Bucholtz

By St. Mary School

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, February 16 – President’s Day

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, February 17 – Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Memory of Thaddieus & Stella Dudek

By George & Irene Dudek

Wednesday, February 18

9:00am: In Memory of Robert Sheets by Sheets Family

Thursday, February 19

5:00pm: In Honor of Fr. Kenneth Coughlin

By Kolnitys Family

Friday, February 20

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

Saturday, February 21 – St. Peter Damian

8:30am: In Memory of Ken Jones by Family

5:00pm: In Memory of Dorothy Lindlbauer

By Pat Lindlbauer

Sunday, February 22 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Honor of Rob & Tina Bensinger Family

By Salowitz Family

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

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

February 23-24: D. Denome, T. Burke

WEEKLY READINGS –February 15-21

Sunday: Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10: 31-11:1/Mk 1: 40-45/Ps 32

Monday: Gn 4: 1-15, 25/Mk 8: 11-13/Ps 50

Tuesday: Gn 6: 5-8; 7: 1-5, 10/Mk 8: 14-21/Ps 29

Wednesday: Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22/Mk 8: 22-26/Ps 116

Thursday: Gn 9: 1-13/Mk 8: 27-33/Ps 102

Friday: Gn 11: 1-9/Mk 8: 34-9: 1/Ps 33

Saturday: Heb 11: 1-7/Mk 9: 2-13/Ps 145

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, Jane Vermeesch, Bob Wild, Jr., Helen Zwiernikowski

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

LAY MINISTERS –February 21-22

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: M. Bergeron, M. Moenart, P. O’Brien, K. Hinkle,

L. Wack, E. Hennigan, I. Liddy, R. Miller, R. Peterson

9:00am: A. Langford, T. Redpath, R. Weiland, C. Weiland,

P. Hohl, G. Wizgird, R. Wetzel, B. Kolnitys, R. Kolnitys

11:30am: C. Bozek, K. Bozek, B. Mayer, M. Gannon,

P. Gabel, D. Miller, A. Gilligan, P. Kalis, J. Streu

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: S. Jasinski, P. Miller

9:00am: S. Wild, P. Clough

11:30am: B. Bauer, L. Read

Ushers

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

P. Meilak, B. Outwater

9:00am: D. Aten, J. Polich, R. Kuczajda, J. Frost,

B. Wetzel, N. Rickelmann

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

M. Corwin

Greeters

5:00pm: R. Denome

9:00am: C. Meldrum, J. Meldrum, I. Meldrum

11:30am: B. Mayer, A. Mayer

Altar Servers

5:00pm: J. Jasinski (Cross), L. Jasinski, A. Jasinski

9:00am: S. Langford (Cross), A. Meldrum, R. Menosky

11:30am: T. Wilson (Cross), A. Sullivan, T. Wilson

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

5:00pm: Wing Family

Linens – February: F. Kinsey, L. Lavey

Cleaning the Altar – February: M. Rickelmann

Collection Counters

February 16: J. King, E. Cheesman, C. Cheesman, R. Miller, J. Darrow

February 23: M. Sheehan, G. Killingbeck, N. Rickelmann

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to “do all for the glory of God.” If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. St. Paul offers us this teaching, and others have echoed it. Brother Lawrence, for example, wrote a powerful little book entitled “Practice the Presence of God.” This book encourages all who read it to abide in the Lord in each and every task we undertake. Every small detail of our lives; from doing dishes to changing a diaper, to assisting a child with homework, to serving a meal with love ...all of these can be done for the glory of God. Let us live with consciousness of the presence of our Lord in each and every moment of our lives, and give thanks to Him for the gift of each moment.