



Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the great season of Lent. As I again remind you of our Friday Fish Dinners and Stations of the Cross, I especially welcome Fr. Don Andrie, a Paulist priest, as he leads our parish in mission this week. Lent is a time of renewal and growth. This is an excellent way to begin this holy season.

Lent requires of us a change of heart, witnessed by fasting and almsgiving. Economic times are tough, but do you have something to share with those less fortunate than yourself? What if you were in their position? Please prayerfully enter into this season, and as a parish, may we go in grace, stewardship and service.

Please pick up your parish raffle tickets if you have not yet done so.

In Lenten peace and prayer,
Fr. Bill Wegher



Reminder Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Next Sunday, March 8th please be sure that your clocks are set *forward one hour* before you go to bed Saturday.

Remember the saying, 'Spring AHEAD one hour!' You would not want to miss or be an hour late for the following events at St. Mary on Sunday morning 3/8;

- + 9:00am or 11:30am Mass
- + Coffee and Donuts
- + Sunday Session Religious Education (K-8, Sacramental Prep, Confirmation)
- + 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting 10:20-11:20am

St. Mary's Men's Club Presents



March Madness & Music

Country Style Breakfast on Sunday, March 1, 2009

From 8:30am to 11am - Free Will Donations

To Help Fund St. Mary's School Wish List

Musical Guest Star Principal John Gilboe

Tickling the Ivories (*the piano*)

PARISH MISSION

"Why God? Why Church? Why Me?"

You are cordially invited to come and bring a friend to the parish retreat, Sunday through Tuesday, March 1-3. One night or three, whatever you can manage. Come away refreshed and renewed. All sessions begin at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments follow on Sunday and Monday, and a simple soup meal is offered following 5:00pm Mass on Tuesday, preceding the retreat session. Visit <http://www.stmarypinckney.org> for more information.

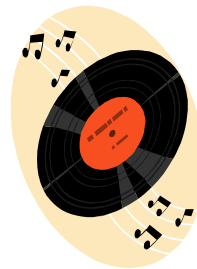
Please join us in praying for a successful retreat:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for drawing us together as a community of believers, bound through a common faith and desire to love and serve you. You have sent your Holy Spirit to dwell among us and guide us through our busy lives. Please help quiet our souls to listen for the Spirit's promptings, and to be renewed by Your Word and Your promises.

We ask you to bless our parish mission. Draw your people out of our busy routines and open our hearts and minds to the messages you share through your servant preacher. Use Father Don Andrie powerfully to touch our lives and draw us more fully to you.

Bless this parish by reconnecting us to our "reason to be" as we ask and answer the questions "Why God? Why Church? Why Me?" Help us to dream big dreams for our family and community and to become big doers too. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, in full union with God, our Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please come--you are important to the life of our parish. If you need a ride, please call Beth at 517-518-0703.



Motown Mardi Gras

WOW!!! What a night of great Community and Fun. I want to extend a special thank you to all who worked so tirelessly decorating and preparing for such a wonderful evening of Parish Unity. There were many hands in so many areas so I thank you! I was truly

moved by the support and hard work of all who pitched in and helped. Although I think all who attended were winners we did have some special winners.

Winners of the Motown Challenge: Marcy Kelly, Paul D'Angelo, Fran McLaughlin, and Jan Bartek.

The early bird ticket winner was Della Cieciek who also won the consolation prize for the 50/50 raffle. Pat Hohl won the 50/50 and donated it right back to the Ebe Hennigan Scholarship Fund! Dan Hall won and did the same with the Euchre Tournament. Fun was had by all! Mark your calendars for next year...the Saturday before Ash Wednesday!!!
With Thanks, Rebecca

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

During this Lenten Season, please keep our Elect and Candidates in your daily prayers as they journey closer to become fully initiated Catholics. For more details about this process, please call Angela - 734.878.2217 ext 218 or email agarcia@stmarypinckney.org.

RCIA Sessions

February 28th Rite of Sending/Dismissal 5:00pm Mass
Class #17 Sacraments of Vocation 6:15-7:15pm
March 1st Hour of Reflection – St. Mary Parish
1:00pm-1:45pm
Rite of Election (St. John Parish,
Fenton) 3:00pm
March 7/8th NO CLASS
March 15th 1st Scrutiny/Dismissal 9:00am Mass
Class #18 Morality 10:15-11:15am
March 21st 2nd Scrutiny/Dismissal 5:00pm Mass
Class #19 TBD 6:15-7:15pm

**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: Next 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.**

'Evangelization- strengthening one's own faith and those around us.'

This weekend the Church is asking your support of the National Collection for Black & Indian Missions in the United States. The need for Evangelization Programs is so important to our Church in this changing world. Please be generous! Thank you for whatever you can give and God Bless you!

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 remaining CAFÉ Wednesdays for the Book of Psalms will be from 7-8:30pm in Rm 152 on 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. *It is not too late to join us!*

ATTENTION: ALL WOMEN CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH April 18 & 19

This is a weekend retreat offered for women to develop a closer and deeper personal relationship with Christ. We encourage you to come and relax; enjoy the fellowship with other women in a spiritual setting. This 30-hour overnight event, with food provided, is a gift to you from St. Patrick's Parish in Brighton. Plan now for this life-changing event! If you are interested in attending or would like more information please call: Dynetta at 810-231-0828.

MEN'S RETREAT

The Men of St. Mary are scheduled for their annual retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt on March 27-29, 2009. The theme for Retreat 2009 is "Then and Now – Jesus- Full of Surprises." Just as we never fully know and appreciate Mozart or Shakespeare, never will we fully know and appreciate Jesus Christ. A lifetime of study and prayer leaves us on the threshold. Why? Because Jesus '*has an unending capacity to surprise us and to be always new.*' (Timothy Radcliffe, o.p.). So come be surprised, lured and touched by this wondrous Jesus on this retreat. Please register by calling the retreat center at 517-669-8321 or toll free at 866-669-8321 or visit the website at www.stfrancis.ws Suggested donation for the weekend is \$135.00.

CATHOLIC SINGLES RETREAT

March 13-15, 2009

Diocese of Lansing

Ages 21-35

refreshlansing@gmail.com



BIRDHOUSE SALES

Homes for our Friends Project is sponsored by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council in support of the *Kans for Kids Program*. Proceeds from this project will go toward support of the needy children under the *Kans-for-Kids Program*. Economic times are extremely hard now and the donations of cans and bottles has drastically dropped. We will be selling handmade birdhouses that are specifically made for blue birds, tree swallows, and other small song birds of Michigan. Construction is sturdy pine and all items are painted and decorated with non-toxic paints to protect the home and the occupants. Cost is \$20. These birdhouses will be on sale the weekend of March 7-8.



MONEY MANAGEMENT

Need help managing your money? **FREE 6-week money management class** for help in: balancing your check book, creating a budget, getting out of debt, learning to live within your means, taxes & insurance, individual coaching. The classes are sponsored by Love, INC. and will be held Tuesdays 7-9pm beginning March 10th at Crossroads Apostolic Church, 144 Schroeder Park Drive, Howell (across from Best Western on D-19, just south of I-96). Call 517-548-5920 ext 203 to register. Free child care available.

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

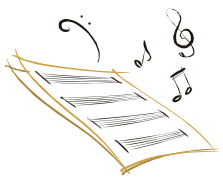
WHERE: St. Augustine Parish, Howell, MI

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 (Fran McLaughlin at 734-878-9959)



MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

Organ virtuoso Huw Lewis will present a recital at Plymouth Congregational Church on East Grand River Ave. in Lansing, on Sunday, March 1st at 4pm. Sponsored by the Greater Lansing

Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Dr. Lewis will play a program that includes music of Bach, Mozart, Franck, and Liszt. Admission to the recital is free. There is free parking in the church lot and the building is handicapped accessible.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATIONAL MEETING & PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

There will be a Pre-School Open House at 6:30pm followed by a Kindergarten informational meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Mary Kindergarten room. There will be a short video and a question and answer period. **The meeting is for parents only.** There will be an opportunity to sign up for the kindergarten screening on March 16th.

Parents of children that are currently enrolled in St. Mary pre-school should sign your child up for the screening if you plan to have your child attend St. Mary Kindergarten. The sign up sheet will be outside the preschool room after March 1st. The meeting is optional if you have recently had a child in kindergarten. **REMINDER:** There will be **NO SCHOOL** for Kindergarten on Monday, March 16th.

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

1st 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.

KNIGHTS KORNER

March 2009

Eucharistic Adoration—March 6, 13, 20, 27
Birdhouse Sale—March 7-8
Catholic Men's Conference--March 7
Daughters Meeting—March 9
Right to Life Rosary—March 10
General Business Meeting—March 10
Corn Beef/Cabbage Dinner—March 15
Kans for Kids—March 21-22
Officer Meeting—March 25
February Knight of the Month: John Kukalis
February Family of the Month: Phil Meliak
Visit us @ www.glmikofc.org

RAFFLE TICKET

Raffle ticket sellers must be 18 years of age or older. Anyone 18 or older may purchase a raffle ticket for someone under 18. The person under 18 will receive the prize money. There are 286 chances to win a total of \$10,450 in prize money. Need not be present to win; all winners are put back in the hopper for more chances to win! The 1st drawing is April 5th. Thank you in advance for selling your tickets.



Family Life Night
March 18, 2009 5:30pm
March Madness!

Hamburgers and Hotdogs and all the fixings! Come see how we relate Basketball to God and Lent....hmmm....

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

RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

Be Our Guest – Adult Day Service program of Livingston County Catholic Social Services (LCCSS) is growing in response to a demonstrated level of community need. Be Our Guest serves people with mild-to-moderate levels of dementia and who live at home with family caregivers. Be Our Guest typically serves 18-20 people weekly, with some being full-time attendees and others coming only 1-2 days each week. The program is open Monday – Friday, from 8am – 6pm.

On Monday, March 9th, Be Our Guest will open its doors to a new location: 2020 E. Grand River, Suite #103, Howell. In this new and much larger location, the program will eventually serve twice as many people. The new program location will be blessed by Bishop Earl Boyea, the Bishop of the Diocese of Lansing, at 2:00pm on Thursday, March 12th. According to Mark Robinson, Executive Director of LCCSS, “this blessing serves to celebrate this agency’s dedication to be a mission-focused organization. Be Our Guest is one of 8 program areas through which this agency lives out our Mission to preserve, strengthen and support the dignity and sanctity of individual and family life for the entire community.” While the public is invited to this dedication, a formal Open House will be scheduled for late April. For additional information please contact Livingston County Catholic Social Services at 517-545-5944.

Youth Ministry

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

Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
03/01	10-11:15am	Formation Session
03/08	10-11:15am	Formation Session

HS Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
03/02	5:30-7pm	Lock In Meeting
03/04	6-6:50pm	Core Team Meeting
03/04	7-9pm	Youth Group
03/06	7-10pm	First Friday Night Party
03/08	5:30-7pm	Lock In Meeting
03/11	7-9pm	Youth Group
03/12	5:30-7pm	Lock In Skit Team Meeting

(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

LAST CHANCE! 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.

IF YOU STILL WANT TO GO CALL REBECCA ASAP!!!

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

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.

<u>Report for</u> <u>February 23, 2009</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> <u>07/01/08-02/23/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 12,726.00	\$ 480,052.27
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 601.00	\$ 98,825.33
	\$ 13,327.00	\$ 578,877.60
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 497,722.53
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 285,691.23
Variance	\$ (9,703.72)	\$ (204,536.16)

Thank you for your generous donations!

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



Michigan Catholic Young Adult Conference

The Archdiocese of Detroit and Diocese of Lansing Offices for Campus and Young Adult Ministry, invite all young adults, 18 to 35 years old, to be part of the Michigan Catholic Young Adult Conference.

If you are interested in discovering abundant life through prayer and spirituality, please join us for this opportunity. This one-day conference will take place March 28, 2009, at St. Scholastica Parish in Detroit. Our keynote speaker this year is Bishop Daniel Flores. For other detailed information and to register for the conference visit www.micyac.org or contact us by phone at 313-237-4687 or by email at info@micyac.org.

MASS INTENTIONS –March 1-8

Sunday, March 1 – 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00am: In Honor of Tony Giamanco by Kolnitys Family

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3 – St. Katherine Drexel

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Memory of Ray Jones (Father of Dave & Gina Jones) by Sinkovich Family

Wednesday, March 4 – St. Casimir

9:00am: In Honor of Jason Eddy by Sue Domen

Thursday, March 5

5:00pm: In Memory of Frank DeFillipi

By Vince & Denise LaRosa

Friday, March 6

9:00am: In Memory of Flora Hart by Salowitz Family

Saturday, March 7 – St. Perpetua & St. Felicity

8:30am: In Memory of Dorothy Wetherbee

By Denome Family

5:00pm: In Memory of Mark Klemmer

By St. Mary School Teachers & Staff

Sunday, March 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Al Hoard

By Ed & Celeste Cheesman

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

March 2-3: B. Rea, G. Wizzgird

March 9-10: D. Denome, B. Rea

WEEKLY READINGS –March 1-7

Sunday: Gn 9: 8-15/1Pt 3: 18-22/Mk 1: 12-15/Ps 25

Monday: Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18/Mt 25: 31-46/Ps 19

Tuesday: Is 55: 10-11/Mt 6: 7-15/Ps 34

Wednesday: Jon 3: 1-10/ Lk 11: 29-32/Ps 51

Thursday: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25/Mr 7: 7-12/Ps 138

Friday: Ez 18: 21-28/Mt 5: 20-26/Ps 130

Saturday: Dt 26: 16-19/Mt 5: 43-48/Ps 119

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Joan Bates, Noah Costa, Richard Henry, Linda Landau,
Christine Osmialowski, Cindy Schang, Bob Wild, Jr.

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

*Lord, let me make my life a true sacrifice
to you this Lent.*

LAY MINISTERS –March 7-8

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: M. Bergeron, L. Wack, M. Moenart, R. Andrus,
M. Andrus, J. Harris, D. Harris, I. Liddy, T. Kurzawa

9:00am: R. Bartek, R. Weiland, C. Weiland, T. Redpath,
M. Willacker, A. Langford, M. Kuczajda, G. Wizzgird,
C. D'Angelo

11:30am: L. Abbott, A. Storemski, B. Storemski, P. Gabel,
B. Miller, P. Kalis, J. Lichwala, R. O'Callaghan,
K. Peavyhouse

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: L. Nickels, K. Hinkle

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

11:30am: D. Wise, D. Wise

Ushers

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

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

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

Greeters

5:00pm: R. Denome

9:00am: S. Reynolds, M. Reynolds

11:30am: W. Brown

Altar Servers

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

9:00am: A. Weiland (Cross), G. Redpath, T. Redpath

11:30am: M. Gabel (Cross), M. Gabel, H. Kiel

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

9:00am: Clark Family

Linens – March: S. Katon, L. Wack

Cleaning the Altar – March: Pat Gabli

Collection Counters

March 2: M. Glynn, C. Harbert, R. Laymon (Special
Collection/Need extra person please call office to help)

March 9: S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 1st Sunday of Lent

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources—*their selves*—at God's service in and through the Church."

Our Lenten Journey begins. Today's gospel reminds us of the beginning of Christ's personal journey in preparation for the fulfillment of His Father's will for Him to bring about the salvation of all His people. We hear how Jesus, Himself, was tempted, and are shown the way through such trials – by speaking God's Word, keeping our eyes focused on our Heavenly Father, and seeking personal time away with the Lord for strength and renewal. May these 40 days of Lent be opportunities for us to abide in the Lord, acknowledge Him in all our ways, praise and glorify Him daily, and look for ways to serve Him through others.