



Dear Parishioners,

Laetare! Rejoice! As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent, our goal of the Easter Triduum is coming into sight. It is an exciting time, especially for those coming into the Church at Easter and for all of us who have been walking the journey with them. Reconciliation services will be taking place very soon, so please check the bulletin or the back of your worship aids.

Many of you already know that Mr. John Gilboe, our school principal, has accepted a new position with St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills starting this fall. While we will greatly miss John and the unique talents and professionalism he has brought to our school, we wish him and his family the best as he moves forth into this new venture this summer. My plan is to hire internally, and I hope to announce to you next week who our next principal will be... along with some possible other exciting news about St. Mary School. Please keep me in your prayers for guidance by the Holy Spirit as I make these very crucial decisions.

Peace and prayers,
Fr. Bill Wegher



RAFFLE TICKETS

We pull the first winner on April 5th after the 9:00 Mass. Return your raffle ticket stubs and money today! They can be put in the Raffle ticket box in the hallway, the collection

basket, or dropped off at the parish office. 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! We still have more tickets available to sell; if interested contact the parish office. Thank you in advance for selling your tickets.

LENT 2009 PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, March 25: 7:30pm: St. Joseph, Howell
Thursday, March 26: 7:30pm: St. Augustine, Howell
Monday, March 30: 7:30pm: Holy Spirit, Hamburg
Tuesday, March 31: 7:30pm: St. Agnes, Fowlerville
Wednesday, April 1: 7:30pm: St. Mary, Pinckney
Thursday, April 2: 7:30pm: St. John, Hartland
Saturday, April 4: 9:00am: St. Patrick, Brighton
Monday, April 6: 7:30pm: St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton

JESUS IN DISGUISE

Support the Catholic Relief Services Collection
Give Hope to Jesus In Disguise
Sunday, March 22, 2009
Please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

PAMPERED CHEF PARTY

The Auction Team is having a Pampered Chef Cooking Class as a fundraiser for the auction on Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm in the multi-use room. The chef will be Renee Chodowski (a former school parent). Renee donates all profits back to the auction and of course we use the "hostess credit" to purchase even more items. It is a great opportunity for us to get some items for the auction!

We are asking for everyone that attends to bring a canned food item for the food pantry. Food items needed include: Cereal, Oatmeal, Jelly, Juice, Laundry Soap, Toilet Paper, Soup, Canned Veggies (Corn, Green Beans, Potatoes, Mixed Veggies), Pancake /Baking Mix, Dish Soap.

We are requiring people to sign-up as Renee will need to know how many people she will be cooking for. Sign up will be in the school gathering space. So bring your family, friends, & neighbors!

Hope to see you there! –The Auction Team

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.

Online tickets available now –
school.stmarypinckney.org
Also accepting monetary or item donations.

Attention: All children ages 1-10 years old!



St. Mary's Knights Daughters will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 11th at 10am. Please bring an Easter basket or bag to put your eggs in. It will be fun for all! The egg hunt will be held behind the church on the grass. We are hoping the Easter bunny will make an appearance.

Gayle Killingbeck and Sherry Jasinski
& Knight's Daughters Circle #009

BOY SCOUT EASTER HAM SALES

*Dearborn Spiral-Cut Ham, Fresh and Smoked Kielbasa,
Turkey Breast and Beef Franks*

Boy Scouts will be selling hams after all Masses March 21 & 22 and March 28 & 29. Hams will be delivered after Masses on April 4 & 5. To place a phone order call Gina Jones at 734-878-3046 or Jennifer Brennan at 734-878-0715.

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 becoming fully initiated Catholics. For more details about this process, please call Angela - 734.878.2217 ext 218 or email at agarcia@stmarypinckney.org

RCIA Sessions

March 21st 2nd Scrutiny/Dismissal 5:00pm Mass
Class #19 TBD 6:15-7:15pm
March 29th 3rd Scrutiny/Dismissal 11:30am Mass
Class #20 Dying & Rising in Christ 12:45-1:45pm
April 4th RCIA/C Retreat 9:00am – 7:00pm

**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.

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.



TOOTISE ROLL DRIVE

Palm Sunday weekend, April 3, 4, 5, is the Knights of Columbus annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" to help the mentally challenged. We are looking for volunteers to stand in front of local businesses, pass out tootsie rolls & collect money. There will be a sign up sheet in the Knight's room (meeting room A) if anyone can help out. Families & children are welcome. Contact Kevin Schang @734-878-6902 for more information. Thank-you & God Bless, Kevin

SALUTE TO THE STARS

Livingston County Catholic Social Services (LCCSS) is hosting the 5th Annual "**Salute to the Stars**" on Saturday, **March 28, 2009**, to recognize three individuals and two organizations that have made significant contributions to the quality of life in our community and to raise funds for agency programs and services. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Parish Life Center at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 710 Rickett Road, in Brighton, Michigan.

This year's honorees are: **Michael Falinski, Patricia Claffey, Joan Hutchinson, The St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, and LOVE, In the Name of Christ.** In return for sharing their talents with our community, each individual and organization will be inducted into the LCCSS "Wall of Fame". Tickets to the event are \$45.00 per person or \$320 for a table of 8, and include dinner, music by the Livingston County Brass Ensemble, and a silent auction. Generous businesses and individuals throughout the community and state have donated a variety of wonderful items for the silent auction. To request a ticket to this fabulous event, call LCCSS at 517-545-5944. If you have a special item you would like to donate, please contact Julie at the agency. We look forward to seeing you there!



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



**Family Life Night
April 15, 2009 5:30pm
Mexican Fiesta! Tacos!!!
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



**St. Mary's Men's Club Presents
Breakfast & Baseball
Country Style Breakfast
Sunday, April 5, 2009**

From 8:30am to 11:00am

FREE WILL DONATION

**For St. Mary's Building Fund
50/50 Raffle * 2 Big Drawings**

1st: Half the Pot

2nd: Justin Verlander

Detroit Tigers Autographed Baseball

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

Because of all the turmoil in the Holy Land, tourism has almost completely ended and many of our Christian brothers and sisters are suffering terribly. A great number of them made their living by selling their handcrafted religious articles to tourists. Without tourists buying their goods, they have a very difficult time making a living. On the weekend of March 28-29 after all the Masses, the Alshomali Family who represent 150 Bethlehem & Jerusalem Christian Families in the Holy Land, will have on display in the gathering space those religious articles from the Holy Land for purchase. All profits are returned directly to the Christian families in the Holy Land.

CATHOLIC MEN'S NIGHT

The next Catholic Men's Night will be on Thursday evening, April 2, 2009. The speaker will be Anthony Patti a Catholic attorney, who is a partner in the practice of a distinguished local law firm. In addition, he teaches as an adjunct professor at Ave Maria School of Law and at Eastern Michigan. All men are invited to come out and hear Anthony speak on this important and timely topic: "In Good Times and Bad - Consecrating Our Work to Christ". Gather your friends and come for Mass, to hear the talk and to enjoy the fellowship and refreshments. We will meet at the "Red Barn" which is the Parish Center Gym of Christ the King Catholic Church and will begin at 7:30 pm. The location is on Ave Maria Drive off of Earhart Road, in Ann Arbor Township, at the south end of Domino's Farms. Doors open at: 7:00 pm. More information and directions on the web at: www.catholic-men.org or call: 734-930-4524.



**Applications for
Tricia T. Berger
Music Scholarship are here!**

Dear Parents;

The applications for the Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship will be available in the school and parish offices starting Monday, March 30, 2009. To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be currently in grades K-11 and must have attended St. Mary School for at least one year. The purpose of the scholarship is to help pay for private music lessons. Applications are due May 15 and recipients will be notified by phone by May 30. Keep reading the bulletin and Marion Messenger for more details regarding the scholarship and it's fund raising event. Thank you!

Sincerely, Ms. Lynn M. Trierweiler
Scholarship Committee Member



The financial status in our state has left many families in difficult situations. Loss of jobs, homes, health insurance, etc...can be devastating. If you need someone to share your difficulties to, please know that Befriender Ministry is available to all in need. Simply call the parish office and ask to have your name given to the Befriender Ministry.

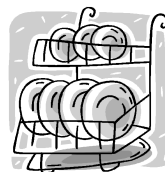
Just for Middle Schoolers!

Breaking News!

A crazy, fun and faith filled group of young people started to meet at St. Mary!

**No not those nutty High Schoolers BUT
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!**

Their first meeting was this past Wednesday! **It was an awesome time, but, we missed you!** Grades 6-8 invited! Come share your presence with us! Come when you can even if you can't make it every week! April 1st is our next event and we will be participating in the Reconciliation Services here at the Parish. Meet in the Youth Room at 6:30! Middle School will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:30pm. **Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.**



Are you missing a pan, dish or platter? Many of you are! There are dishes that have been left on the coat rack. Please pick yours up by March 22, 2009. If they are not picked up we will be donating them or using them in the kitchen (if needed).

Love one another. - 1 John 3:23

Report for	Weekly	Year To Date
March 16, 2009		07/01/08-03/16/09
Offertory	\$ 16,383.66	\$ 526,950.04
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 833.00	\$ 106,730.72
	\$ 17,216.66	\$ 633,680.76
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 540,842.76
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 311,663.16
Variance	\$ (5,814.06)	\$(218,825.16)

Thank you for your generous donations!

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

The Story of "Amazing Grace"

(Words by John Newton)



It's hard to shake off a mother's influence. John Newton's earliest memories were of his godly mother who, despite fragile health, devoted herself in nurturing his soul. At her knee he memorized Bible passages and hymns. Though she died when he was about seven, he later recalled her tearful prayers for him.

After her death, John alternated between boarding school and the high seas, wanting to live a good life but nonetheless falling deeper and deeper into sin. Pressed into service with the British Navy, he deserted, was captured, and after two days of suspense, was flogged. His subsequent thoughts vacillated between murder and suicide. "I was capable of anything," he recalled.

More voyages, dangers, toils and snares followed. It was a life unrivalled in fiction. Then, on the night of March 9, 1748, John, 23, was jolted awake by a brutal storm that descended too suddenly for the crew to foresee. The next day, in great peril, he cried to the Lord. He later wrote, "That tenth of March is a day much remembered by me, and I have never suffered it to pass unnoticed since the year 1748—the Lord came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters."

The next several years saw slow, halting spiritual growth in John, but in the end he became one of the most powerful preachers in British history, a powerful foe of slavery, and the author of hundreds of hymns.

Here are some things you may not know about Newton's most famous hymn. His title for it wasn't originally "Amazing Grace" but "Faith's Review and Expectation." It is based in Newton's study of 1 Chronicles 17:16-17: "King David...said: 'Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that you have brought me this far? And yet...You have also spoken of your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree...'"

And here's a nearly forgotten verse that Newton added near the end of "Amazing Grace." Try singing it for yourself: *The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; but God, Who called me here below, shall be forever mine.* (Excerpted from "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan)

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

Youth Ministry

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

Times are a changin' High School Youth Group will now be open from 6:30-8:30pm on Wednesday Nights. With the start of Middle School youth ministry it is important to work out the programming so transportation can be coordinated.

So, the general schedule for High School Youth Group will change starting March 18, 2009.

6:30-7:00pm	Social Time
7:00-8:30pm	Theme/Message/Discussion
8:30-9:00pm	Optional Social/further topic discussion

Since the main part of the night ends at 8:30pm then Middle and High School youth riding together can leave at the same time.

Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
03/22	10-11:15am	Formation Session
03/29	10-11:15am	Formation Session
04/05-04/12		NO CLASS (2 weeks)
04/19	10-11:15am	Formation Session

HS Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
03/23	6:00-8:00pm	HS Lock In Build/work time/SKIT (HS)
03/24	6:00-8:00pm	HS Lock In SKIT Practice (HS)
03/25	6:00-7:00pm	HS Lock In Main Game Meeting (HS)
03/25	6:30-8:30pm	HS Youth Group (HS)
03/28	11am-1:30pm	Community Kitchen
04/01	6:30-9pm	HS YG-Reconciliation Service
04/01	6:30-9pm	MS YG-Reconciliation Service

(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

HELP WANTED: Adults to physically help at the Youth Lock In April 17th.

We need adults to help Set up, Clean up, Chaperone, cook, and have fun with us. We are trying some new things this time and need more adult hands to help us pull it off! NO you don't have to have a teen, YES, you have to be trained in Protecting God's Children (there is still time) and NO you don't have to stay up all night (there are shifts). **Call Rebecca today for this unique opportunity** (734-878-2217 ext. 203) or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

Just for High School Seniors!

Fr. Charles Irvin Writing Scholarship 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 –March 22-29

Sunday, March 22-4th Sunday of Lent

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Ron Bozek
By Men's Club

Monday, March 23 – St. Toribio do Mogrovejo

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, March 24

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Honor of Jerry Elliott & Family
By Sue Domen

Wednesday, March 25 – Annunciation of the Lord

9:00am: In Memory of Al Hoard by Eileen Avery

Thursday, March 26

5:00pm: In Memory of Robert Sheets by Family

Friday, March 27

9:00am: In Memory of Louis Ciesliga by Al Ciesliga

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

8:30am: For Healing of Joan Bates by Salowitz Family

5:00pm: In Memory of Michael Crespi by Frank & Holly
Kunick

Sunday, March 29-5th Sunday of Lent

9:00am: In Memory of Emil Kuk by Sinkovich Family

11:30am: For Our Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

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

March 30-31: B. Rea, D. Hall

WEEKLY READINGS –March 22-28

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2: 4-10/Jn 3:14-21/Ps
137

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4: 43-54/Ps 30

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16/Ps 46

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10/Heb 10: 4-10/Lk 1:26-28/Ps
40

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47/Ps 106

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30/Ps 34

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53/Ps 7

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Joan Bates, Noah Costa, Fred Czaja, Paul D' Angelo, Jr.,
Richard Henry, Joseph Kurdziel, Linda Landau, Patricia
Lichwala, Christine Osmialowski, George Sellar, Jane
Vermeesch, Bob Wild, Jr., Helen Zwiernikowski

**Jesus, open my heart and mind so that I can trust in you
completely. Like your mother, Mary, give me the grace
to say "yes"—without any hesitation—whenever you ask
me to do your will. I rejoice in your love.**

- A Year of Celebration By: Patricia Mitchell

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

LAY MINISTERS –March 28-29

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: S. Jasinski, P. Miller, M. Moenart, R. Peterson,

P. O'Brien, M. Beck, T. Kurzawa, I. Liddy, R. Miller

9:00am: A. Langford, A. Nagy, M. Kuczajda, G. Wizzgird,
D. Cieciek, M. Woods, M. Willacker, L. Barba, R.
Bartkovich

11:30am: L. Abbott, A. Storemski, B. Storemski,
M. Gannon, B. Miller, J. Lichwala, R. O'Callaghan,
K. Peavyhouse, M. Smith

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: M. Bergeron, D. Schroeder

9:00am: P. Hohl, S. Kuschel

11:30am: B. Bauer, Z. Jones

Ushers

5:00pm: P. Carney, R. Denome, B. Beck, W. Peltier,
P. Meilak, B. Outwater

9:00am: J. Frost, P. Gabli, R. Kuczajda, J. Polich,

N. Rickermann, B. Wetzel

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

Greeters

5:00pm: J. Carney

9:00am: W. Stevens

11:30am: Meldrum Family

Altar Servers

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

9:00am: E. Hayes (Cross), D. Hayes, S. Langford

11:30am: B. Schmitter (Cross), J. Schmitter, P. Rutkowski

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

Linens – March: S. Katon, L. Wack

Cleaning the Altar – March: Pat Gabli

Collection Counters

March 23: J. King, E. & C. Cheesman, R. Miller, J. Darrow

March 30: M. Sheehan, G. Killingbeck, N. Rickelmann

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 4th Sunday of Lent

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

"But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." This is a strong statement in today's Gospel. It is one that challenges us, this Lenten season, to move into the light of living in Christ and out of the darkness of our own selves; worries, concerns, desires, and ways. May we allow ourselves to be exposed this Lent; exposed to the pure light of God's truth and Word, exposed to the humility of seeking the Lord's path for our lives and not what we 'think' is a better plan for us, and exposed to the reality of Jesus among us in those hurting, struggling, and in need of His loving touch and healing.