



Dear Parishioners,

It's that time again to prepare for Holy Week. Please take the occasion for reconciliation at one of our regional services. We will celebrate the sacrament here on Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30 pm. A number of area priests will be here to assist us.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday already! As we not only read of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we also read the Passion - this year according to Mark's gospel. We invite you to wear red, and be in solidarity that day. Our Blessing of Palms and Triumphant Entrance will start in the Multipurpose Room this year. Rather than going into church next weekend, go directly to the MP room for our sacred ritual.

Many blessings in this Lententide,
Fr. Bill Wegher

SCHOOL CORNER - 2ND GRADE NEWS

The second graders have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. They are learning about the different parts of the Introductory Rites of the Mass and next they will learn about the two main parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

For a Lenten activity the children are sharing their time and talent with someone they feel that could use their help. As a follow-up to this, Mrs. Salvatori came in and spoke to the children about St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and helped the children make sacrifice beads to keep track of their good deeds for Lent.

In Reading, the children have been working on the following skills: how to identify and evaluate a character's attempts to solve problems, how to make inferences about a character based upon the information given in the story, and how to identify the main idea and the supporting details.

In Writing, the children learned about the Japanese haiku poem and they wrote their own haiku. In addition to this, they wrote an alphabet book about Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

In Social Studies, the children learned about the diversity of people in the United States and about the various cultures within their own community. They also learned how explorers, pioneers, and immigrants helped make the United States what it is today.



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

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN

On Monday, April 6, 2009, (during spring break) St. Mary School is sponsoring a fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen in Ann Arbor (Briarwood Mall) to raise money for the risers. Simply bring the notice below to CPK anytime on April 6th and present it to your server when ordering (dine-in or take-out). 20% of your check (minus tax and tip) will be donated to the school. It's that easy! Please consider passing this flyer along to family, friends, and co-workers. Simply have them download the flyer from our website:

www.stmarypinckney.org

Your support is VERY much appreciated!
Questions can be sent to dawn.wise@iraniwise.com.



Philanthropizza

Please join us at California Pizza Kitchen for a flavorsome fundraising event. All you need to do is bring in this flyer on our

scheduled date and present it to your server when ordering. 20% of your check will benefit our organization. So come out and enjoy something delicious from the CPK menu.

Your taste buds will thank you, and so will we.

**St. Mary School
Pinckney, Michigan**

**California Pizza Kitchen
Briarwood Mall
Ann Arbor, Michigan**

Monday, April 6, 2009

Thanks for the support!
We can't wait to see you!

(Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax, gratuity and retail purchases.)

Valid for dine-in and take-out only.

Manager, please attach this flyer to the guest check.

Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.)



RAFFLE TICKETS

We pull the first winner on April 5th after the 9:00am 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.

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 29 th	3 rd Scrutiny/Dismissal	11:30am Mass
Class #20	Dying & Rising in Christ	12:45-1:45pm
April 4 th	RCIA/C Retreat	9:00am – 7:00pm
April 8 th	Practice – Easter Vigil (Worship Area)	7:00pm-8:30pm
April 11 th	EASTER VIGIL	8:00pm

*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.

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.

LENT 2009 PENANCE SERVICES

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

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 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.

ATTENTION: ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS MANDATORY MEETING

APRIL 26, 2009

10:15-11:15am

Worship Area (Church)

If you wish to have your children/child attend any of the following Religious Education Programs at least one parent **MUST** attend this mandatory meeting;

Summer Session 2009 (6/15-6/26)

Sunday Session 2009-2010 (K-8)

Confirmation 2009-2010 (9th graders in Fall 09).

Special registration papers will be handed out to each family at this mandatory meeting. There will be NO signing up for sessions and NO registration forms taken at this meeting. ALL registration paperwork must be returned on one of the following dates:

Registrations for these programs will take place on;

May 6, 2009 from 6-9pm in the multi-use room.

May 7, 2009 from 9-11am in the multi-use room.

Looking forward to seeing ALL parents who are interested in the 2009-2010 Religious Education Programs at this mandatory meeting on April 26th that will be held in the church!

If you have any questions please contact Angela in the Faith Formation Office – 734-878-2217 ext 218.



TOOTSIE 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 gathering space. Families & children are welcome. Contact Kevin Schang at 734-878-6902 for more information.

Thank-you & God Bless, Kevin



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 Styck, Kurt Whitlow



The loss of a loved one can be very emotional & very different for each person. Need someone to talk to or just listen? Simply call the parish office and ask to have your name given to the Befriender Ministry.



**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



**Please join us on Friday, May 8th for a
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

In Memory of Tricia Berger
The dinner will be served from
5pm until 7pm
in the multi-use room.

Children's artwork will also be on display to view during the evening. Donations will be accepted for the Berger Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Spaghetti Dinner RSVP

Please return by Wednesday, May 6th!

Number Attending: _____ on May 8th
Dinner: 5-7pm
Children's artwork on display this evening too.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE
ANNUAL EVENT TO BENEFIT
PREGNANCY HELPLINE
APRIL 23, 2009 6:30- 9:00pm**

Held at Brighton Church of the Nazarene,
7669 Brighton Rd, Brighton 48114

Pregnancy Helpline's annual fund & awareness raising event will feature a keynote address by Michelle Yax. A sumptuous appetizer and dessert buffet and a Theme Basket Drawing will also take place. Tickets are \$20.00 each, 10 for \$180.00, \$12.00 for teens. Call 810-494-5433 to order tickets or to donate items.

HEALTH CARE INFORMATION

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is inviting public comment on a proposal to rescind an important December 2008 federal regulation that protects the conscience rights of health care providers. Help protect the rights of our Catholic health care professionals and institutions. Please visit www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection to access links to make a comment and to find out more information. Comments must be posted by April 9, 2009.



**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

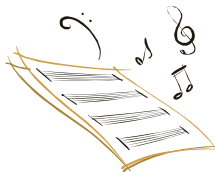
2nd: Justin Verlander

Detroit Tigers Autographed Baseball

(Baseball on display in parish office- stop in for your ticket!)

<u>Report for</u> <u>March 23, 2009</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> <u>07/01/08-03/23/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 11,290.66	\$ 538,240.66
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 1,800.63	\$ 108,531.35
	\$ 13,091.29	\$ 646,772.01
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 555,216.17
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 320,320.47
Variance	\$ (9,939.43)	\$ (228,764.63)
Catholic Relief Services Appeal	\$2,690.42	

Thank you for your generous donations!



**MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES
University of Michigan
Men's Glee Club Concert**

One of the finest and oldest male choruses in the nation, the Glee Club sings of spring in the lyrical and whimsical *Carmina Juventutis* (Songs of Youth) by David Conte. This three-movement choral romp for chorus and two pianos is set to medieval texts. The program also includes *Psalm 40*, *Psalm 114: Gregorian and Jewish Chants*, a set of secular songs by Franz Schubert, folk songs, and Michigan songs. As always, The Friars impose their will on this concert with their unique blend of musical audacity and choreographic approximation. The group is under the direction of Paul Rardin.

The free concert will be presented on Friday, April 3, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, 1030 W. Tuscola Road, Frankenmuth, Michigan. For more information, please contact Dr. Scott M. Hyslop, Director of Parish Music, 989.652.6141 or shyslop@stlorenz.org.

Olivia's Poem

**O Lord, O Lord, we are the children of you
You made us to share your goodness too
You gave the Ten Commandments to obey
And this is the song I like to pray
O Lord, O Lord, we are the children of you**
Poem composed by Olivia Ostlund (at the age of 6)

THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT

St. Mary Catholic Church, Chelsea
Saturday, April 4th – Saturday, April 11
April 4th: 2pm-8pm April 5th: 9am-8pm
April 6th – April 11th: 12noon to 8pm

For centuries, the Holy Shroud of Turin has been a source of worship & controversy & many believe it to be the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ. The exhibit features life-size replica of the Holy Shroud & an historical interpretation of the Crucifixion of Christ. A life-size replica of the Crucifixion is also displayed. *Due to subject matter, children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

CHURCH DECORATING

Helpers are needed to prepare and decorate the church for Easter! We are asking for help on the following dates:

Saturday, April 4th at 10am (for Palm Sunday)
Wednesday, April 8th afternoon (for Holy Thursday)
Friday, April 10th at 9:30am (for Good Friday)
Saturday, April 11th at 9am (for Easter)

Two strong men are also needed to move statues and a tabernacle on April 4th, 10th, & 11th. There will be sign-up sheets in the gathering space this weekend. For further information please call LaVerne at 734-972-0530.

CARD SHOWER



As you all know Diane Brophy,
Our custodian had knee surgery
on March 10th.
Surgery went well & now it's time for
physical therapy.
Won't you please send Diane a card?
Drop off your card to the office
& we can 'shower' her with love!
Thank you!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Christian Service Team would like to start a Community Garden at St. Mary's. A community garden is where several people work together to grow, manage, and harvest fruits and vegetables. If anyone is interested in participating please contact Lisa Wack at wackymama@chartermi.net or 810-231-6116. Please respond by April 5th. Thank you and God Bless.



Gentle Lord, I offer you my heart this day.
Stir within it the fire of your Spirit,
so that all I do will be a work of love.

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 Middle and High School youth riding together can leave at the same time.

If you have any questions please ask Rebecca.

Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
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:
04/01	6:30-9pm	HS YG~Reconciliation Service
04/01	6:30-9pm	MS YG~Reconciliation Service
04/04-05	Before Masses	Palm Sunday (Passing out Palms)
04/08		No Youth Group
04/09	7pm Mass	Holy Thursday (Hold Candles)
04/10	9am-1pm	Youth Living Stations
04/15	6:30-8:30pm	MS and HS Youth Group (FLN)

(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

Just for Middle Schoolers!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!

April 1st is our next meeting 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. The meetings will begin and end at the Youth Room. So have your parents drop off and pick up at that door!

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.

MASS INTENTIONS – March 29-April 5

Sunday, March 29 - 5th Sunday of Lent

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

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, March 30

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, March 31

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Memory of Dorothy Lindlbauer

By Pat Lindlbauer

Wednesday, April 1

9:00am: In Honor of Jarrett Cogswell by Kolnitys Family

Thursday, April 2 – St. Francis of Paola

5:00pm: For the Living and Deceased Members of the

Rosary Altar Society By The Rosary Altar Society

Friday, April 3

9:00am: In Memory of Al Hoard by Denome Family

7:00pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 4 – St. Isidore

8:30am: In Memory of Annie Cach by Stella Grasela

5:00pm: In Memory of Ebe Hennigan

By Tom & Joanne Czubaj

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Gerald Barba

By Tom & Joyce Wilson

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

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

April: 6-7: D. Denome, G. Wizgird

WEEKLY READINGS –March 29-April 4

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33/Ps 51

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Ps 23

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8: 21-30/Ps 102

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42/Ps (Dn 3)

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59/Ps 105

Friday: Jer 20: 10-13/Jn 10:31-42/Ps 18

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56/Ps (Jer 31)

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

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

Blessed Lord, help us to take up our daily crosses and follow you.

LAY MINISTERS – April 4-5

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: P. Hohl, K. Hinkle, L. Wack, M. Moenart, R. Andrus, M. Andrus, R. Peterson, D. Wietecha, M. Beck

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

R. Bartkovich

11:30am: L. Abbott, A. Storemski, B. Storemski, L. Frenndt,

B. Frenndt, D. Miller, J. Streu, J. Brennan, A. Gilligan

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: B. Corwin, M. Bergeron

9:00am: D. Leonard, P. Clough

11:30am: T. Barrett, R. Kalis

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: D. Magier

11:30am: W. Brown

Altar Servers

5:00pm: L. Bergeron (Cross), P. Moenart, J. Wing

9:00am: M. LeVasseur (Cross), C. LeVasseur,

T. LeVasseur

11:30am: N. Westerberg (Cross), A. Sullivan, J. Mable

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: R.C.I.A.

9:00am: Bob Kelly Family

11:30am: Tim Burke Family

Home Chalice Program

11:30am: Tim Burke Family

Linens –April: R. Miller, M. Sheehan

Cleaning the Altar – April: T. Kurzawa

Collection Counters

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

April 6: M. Glynn, R. Layman

STEWARDSHIP CORNER 5th Sunday of Lent

“If anyone would serve me,” says Jesus in today’s Gospel, “let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be.” In what ways is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Grains of wheat, death, growth, and bountiful harvest! Jesus reminds us that we are the grains of wheat which have the potential to produce so much for so many if we allow the Lord to use us. We are challenged to die to self; to give up our own plans and agendas, and to trust that the Lord has a way for us that is far better than anything we could ever imagine. When we choose to willingly accept the ways of God – and give up what the world says is important or necessary, then we can see ourselves from God’s perspective; as His children who are simply passing through this alien country on our way back to our real home – Heaven. Let us continue with our Lenten journey with eyes fixed on the Lord and following His path.