

# *"Christ is Risen! Indeed He has Risen! Alleluia!"*

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! Indeed He has Risen! What a glorious day Easter is, as the culmination of the Sacred Triduum. It is also such a blessing that we get to celebrate this great reason for our faith during the next fifty days! The Resurrection is truly the feast of feasts - we sing the Gloria; we smell incense and sing "Alleluia." We refresh ourselves with waters of baptism, and rejoice with the newly initiated of the Church. We no longer fast, but feast on rich foods, sweet breads, and the choicest of meats. Our bodies, our souls, our community, our Church, indeed all creation rejoices. Savor God's blessings this year. Many people may be poor economically, but we are all rich in grace thanks to Christ's paschal mystery.

I offer my special Easter blessings to all of you. Greet one another with words of resurrection, and be thankful for all God has done. I have a wedding to do in South Carolina next Saturday, so please see this bulletin for the mass schedule.

Fr. Bill Wegher,  
Pastor

## ***Welcome Neophytes!!***

**We would like to welcome the newest members of our Catholic faith & Parish family!**

**Stacey Ann Dinsor**  
**Angela Elizabeth Mercier**  
**\*Hanna Grace Perkins**  
**Morgan Kateri Sabuda**  
**Paige Lucy Sabuda**  
**Sebastian George Velliky**  
**Jackie Sophia Wiley**  
**Kevin Hubert Wiley**

**(The \* indicates young child who received the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil)**

**Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, April 5, 2009:**

\$100- Al Laforge

\$25-Al Laforge (sold \$100 winner)

\$25 winners-

Dick Cowdrey

Stephanie Wittrup

Linda Wallace

Julie Rust

Eugene Sobolewski

Dave DeLaCruz

Robert Karfonta

Congratulations again! The next drawing is Easter Sunday after the 9:00 mass. Prizes awarded this week are 1-\$500.00 winner and 7-\$25.00. Good Luck to all!

## **HAPPY EASTER**

Dear St. Mary Family,

Happy Easter! May this celebration of our Lord's Resurrection bring much grace and peace to you and your family!

I am writing to you to give an update on my deacon formation status and ordination preparation. Before I get into those details, I first want to thank you for all the prayers and support you have generously given through the years of deacon formation. Nothing of what I will share with you today would be possible without the love and support the people of St. Mary Parish have given. I want to offer a note of thanks to Fr. Bill, Deacon Randy and Debbie Coffelt for their help especially in this past year.

Now for some details: I am in the last weeks of the final year of deacon formation and, as of this Easter Sunday, I will be 34 days away from Ordination. This final year of preparation has included a continuation of homiletics training; training in the Rites used for Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals; various activities related to ordination preparation; and, of course, ongoing prayer, reflection, discernment and my practicum activities that I have written about in previous bulletin articles. Barbara and I met with Bishop Boyea for our scrutinies and the Director of Deacon Formation, Deacon Jerry Brennan, has met with Fr. Bill to assess my readiness for Ordination. In the next few weeks I have one more class in sacramental preparation, you will see three banns for ordination that are required to be published in the parish bulletin, I will have a five day retreat and we will have a Rite of Sending here at St. Mary. If all continues to go well, I will be ordained on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May for service in the Diocese of Lansing. May God be praised!

Your brother in Christ, Tom Rea

## **Easter Message from Angela**

I thank each of you for your prayers, support and well wishes that you so graciously showered me with these past few weeks, during my time of recovery from my surgery. I am recovering very well and should be back to normal within the next couple of weeks. Be assured of my continued prayers of thanksgiving for you and your families. May all of you have a BLESSED and GLORIOUS Easter Season.

Pax, Angela

## **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Have you not yet been Confirmed, received the sacrament that completes your initiation in the Catholic Church? Have you missed the sacrament when it was offered for you? The eight Livingston Regional parishes are offering a six-week course to prepare you for this sacrament. You will then be Confirmed in your own parish at Pentecost. Classes are at St. John the Baptist Parish in Howell/Hartland on Thursdays, April 23rd to May 28th, at 7 pm. For more information and/or to register please contact Angela Garcia 734-878-2217 ext 218 or [agarcia@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:agarcia@stmarypinckney.org).

## RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Please keep our Neophytes in your daily prayers as we together journey through this GLORIOUS Season of Easter!

For more details about this process, please call Angela - 734.878.2217 ext 218 or email at [agarcia@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:agarcia@stmarypinckney.org).

### RCIA Sessions

April 11<sup>th</sup>      EASTER VIGIL      8:00pm  
April 26<sup>th</sup>      Mystagogy #2      12:45-1:45pm

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

### Faith Formation Information

- **REMINDER:** There are NO Sunday Session classes on April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>! All Sunday Session Classes resume on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- *Summer 2009 Session for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 (9<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

### Attn: Usher's

**We will have a training session/refresher course of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Machine on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Conference Room A. Please make plans now to attend! Please note: this meeting is open to anyone that is interested.**



**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. 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 fundraising event. Thank you!

Sincerely, Ms. Lynn M. Trierweiler  
Scholarship Committee Member



**Please join us on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for a SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**In Memory of Tricia Berger**

The dinner will be served from 4:30pm 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 In Memory of Tricia Berger**

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Please return to school office by**

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>!**

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ on May 8<sup>th</sup>

Dinner: 4:30 -7pm

Children's artwork on display this evening too.

## ST. MARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING FLOWER SALE!

Along with the arrival of spring, comes the gardener's anticipation of, yet, another growing season that holds the promise of their best garden ever. This spring, look to pre-order top quality flowers through St. Mary School. We will be taking orders for flats of annuals, as well as, 12 inch pots of tomatoes and green peppers. Order forms will be available after masses out on the table in the hallway. All orders are to be pre-paid and may be dropped off in the school or church office by Wednesday, April 15, 2009. Please make checks payable to St Mary Catholic School. Any questions, please contact Fabiola Albert at 248-921-1711 (cell phone).

Delivery date is set for Wednesday, May 6, subject to weather and delivery. This is in time for the ever-popular planting date of Mother's Day Weekend. Most of us buy plants from Bordines, Home Depot, or Lowes - please consider ordering from us to benefit our students. This fundraising event is open to everyone, so please tell friends and relatives how they will be able to order and show their support. And, of course, the school and/or parish will gladly welcome any donation of flowers to be planted right here for the community to enjoy throughout the summer. Thank you.

## SOCCKER CHALLENGE

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 am to noon, at St. Mary soccer field. This is an event open to boys & girls, ages 9 to 14, where they kick free kicks into different parts of a net for points. Highest score in each age group advances to the Diocesan & State finals in May & June. This is open to children in the community. For more information, contact Kevin Schang at 734-878-6902.

## KNIGHTS FREE THROW CONTEST

Jacob Schmitter from St. Mary represented the Lansing Diocese in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, at the state level. He placed second, making 21 of 25 shots, the winner hit 23. Congratulations Jacob on a job well done!



**Losing a job** is one of the most stressful events that can happen to a person. It feels personal even when it is part of a mass corporate layoff or the closing of a business. Involuntary unemployment evokes a lot of emotions, from anger to sadness. It is easy to become depressed. Grief over the loss of part of one's identity or purpose is common. The

difficulty of the experience can depend on the degree of emotional investment one had in the job. The aftermath of job loss also has a significant impact on family members, who are dealing with their own fears and other concerns. If you (or a family member) has lost a job and are dealing with the transition it brings, you can request a BeFriender to be a companion on your journey. BeFrienders provide a listening presence that is respectful and nonjudgmental. To request a BeFriender or to find out more about BeFriender Ministry, call the parish office at 734-878-3161.

## HOPEFUL NOT HELPLESS

This important Diocesan Inservice: Child Sexual Predators – Protecting Children On-line will be offered Thursday, April 23, 1:00 - 4:00pm at St. Patrick Parish, Brighton and Thursday, April 23, 7:00 - 9:00pm at St. Mary Cathedral Parish Hall, Lansing.

The presenter, Robert Hugh Farley has been a national consultant and author for the Virtus Program since 2003. He is a highly decorated police detective, Deputy U.S. Marshal for over 30 years. He has protected children from killers, physical abusers, molesters, and sexual predators. He is currently an international child sexual exploitation prevention consultant for INTERPOL.

Registration fee is \$8.00. For further information contact Margaret Grima, 517-342-2555, [mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:mgrima@dioceseoflansing.org).

## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

Dave Barry has been a parishioner at St. Mary for 10 years. His favorite hymns include: "Here I Am, Lord" and "Come to the Banquet". When he finds the time he enjoys boating and golfing, but spends most of his time with his wife and three children. David explains what it means to him to be in the adult choir.

I joined the Music Ministry at St. Mary five years ago when someone recruited me to join the Easter choir. It was the first time I had ever sung with a group. I remember the Easter Vigil; it was one of the most spiritually fulfilling moments in my life. As Fr. Ken baptized and confirmed the Elect I was filled with the spirit as the choir led the people in song and prayer. It was exhilarating!

Since then, this computer programmer has grown spiritually and musically with help from the many musically gifted people we have here at St. Mary. My favorite thing about being in the choir is when choirs from multiple parishes sing together for special occasions, like the mass for Bishop Boyea. The beautiful sound that is created from a large choir is so inspiring. Singing with the St. Mary choir has brought me closer to my faith.

*Sing to the LORD a new song; Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Psalm 96:1.*



<u>Report for</u> <u>April 6, 2009</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> <u>07/01/08-04/06/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 17,046.78	\$ 571,031.45
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 2,084.89	\$ 112,473.74
	\$ 19,131.67	\$ 683,505.19
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 583,962.99
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 337,635.09
Variance	\$ (3,899.05)	\$ (238,092.89)

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

## HAPPY EASTER!

# Youth Ministry

Website: <http://youth.stmarypinckney.org/>  
Confirmation Reminder!

Confirmation Students please remember to get all of your assignments including the Saint Report and Letter to the Bishop turned in. Many of you are missing green sheets as well, so please turn them in. We only have a few classes left so it is crucial that you get everything turned in quickly. Please contact me with questions.

## Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
04/05-04/12		NO CLASS (2 weeks)
04/19	10-11:15am	Formation Session
04/26	10-11:15am	Formation Session
05/03	10-11:15am	Formation Session
05/10		NO Formation Session
05/17	10-11:15am	Formation Session
<b>Week of 5/17 Pastoral Interviews</b>		
05/24		NO Formation Session
05/30	8:30am-6:00pm	Retreat
<b>06/09</b>	<b>5:30-7:00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation Practice</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>
06/12	5:30-7:00pm	Confirmation Follow-up and Pizza
	7:00-10:30pm	Swing Into Summer Dance Party

## HS Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
04/15	6:30-8:30pm	MS and HS Youth Group (FLN)
04/17-04-19		Camp Cavell (Service)
04/22	6:30-8:30pm	HS Youth Group
04/25	5:30pm-12:00am	Auction (Service)
04/29	6:30-8:30pm	HS Youth Group
05/01-02	7:30pm-12:30pm	Homeless Challenge
05/06	6:00-7:00pm	HS Leadership Meeting
	6:30-8:30pm	MS & HS Youth Group
05/09-10	After Masses	Spring Fundraiser

(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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!

SO, what is Middle School Youth Group? A time for faith, friends, fun and fellowship! A time to just be yourself and have fun learning about God and yourself! We talk about how to be a Catholic Christian in today's world! There is time for prayer and reflection as well as icebreakers and games. Everyone is invited and welcomed!

Middle School meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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! **Our Next Meeting is April 15, 2009!**

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.



**Mark the Date! Mark the Date!**  
**Mother's Day is coming soon!**  
**That means the Youth Group will be having their Spring Fundraisers!**  
**Hanging baskets and bags, baked goods, a quilt and baptismal garment, OH MY!!!**

This year we are combining two of our spring fundraisers to one weekend. A weekend your Mother is sure to enjoy! Along with our flower sale we will be having our bake sale and our Quilt Raffle will start. Starting last year Rebecca's mother made a quilt for the Youth to raffle. If you remember, last year's was "Seed Packets." This year it will be a beautiful Bible Quilt with Old Testament Scenes done in traditional redwork embroidery. As an added bonus this year she made a stunning Baptismal Garment to raffle. The final drawing will be at the Parish Picnic.



## 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, Kurt Whitlow

## COUPLE TO COUPLE LEAUGE

The Couple to Couple League (CCL) will be offering a series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes, beginning in May. From a series of classes, a couple can learn a method of natural family planning which can be used to help infertile couples as well as those needing to delay pregnancy. Natural family planning is also in keeping with the Catholic Church's teaching. The cost of materials for each series is \$135.00 per couple, which includes the manual, *The Art of Natural Family Planning*, a thermometer, charts, a workbook, CCL membership, and the CCL newsletter. Any interested engaged or married couple should pre-register. Class details follow:

- Beginning Saturday May 16, 2009. Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Location: St. Thomas the Apostle in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This NFP series will be taught by Albert and Becky Faraj, a CCL Certified Teaching Couple, and the dates for this entire class-series include May 16<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and July 25<sup>th</sup>. To pre-register, please contact Jolynn at [jschafer999@comcast.net](mailto:jschafer999@comcast.net) or at 734 429-0603.

**NO ROSARY MAKERS meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## MASS INTENTIONS – April 12-19

**Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday:**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Ron Bozek by Men's Club

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

**Monday, April 13**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**Tuesday, April 14**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Bob Spaulding by Men's Club

**Wednesday, April 15**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Annie Cach by Catherine Rudzki

**Thursday, April 16**

**\*5:00pm:** Communion Service

**Friday, April 17**

**\*9:00am:** Communion Service

**Saturday, April 18**

**\*8:30am:** Communion Service

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

**Sunday, April 19 -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**9:00am:** For Our Parish

**11:30am:** In Memory of Dorothy Wetherbee by Verna Covert

## COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

**April 13-14:** D. Denome, B. Rea

**April 20-21:** D. Denome, D. Hall

## WEEKLY READINGS – April 12-18

**Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9/Ps 118

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15/Ps 16

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18/Ps 33

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35/Ps 105

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48/Ps 8

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14/Ps 118

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15/Ps 118

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Tom Butler, Fred Czaja, Paul D'Angelo, Jr., Sr. Gretchen Elliott, Richard Henry, Sheri Kamm, Sally Kelly, Joseph Kurziel, Patricia Lichwala, Harold Salyers, George Sellar, Stanley Soja, Margaret Tucker, Jane Vermeesch, Bob Wild Jr., Helen Zwiernikowski

*Jesus, what words of praise can I offer you?  
Death has been swallowed up in your victory.  
Your divine life is now alive within me.  
Lord Jesus, I will love and praise you forever!*

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

## LAY MINISTERS –April 18-19

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

**5:00pm:** J. Pepper, M. Bergeron, P. Miller, M. Andrus, R. Andrus, D. Harris, J. Harris, R. Miller, T. Kurzawa

**9:00am:** J. Bartek, R. Bartek, C. Weiland, R. Weiland, S. Hunter, C. D'Angelo, I. Dudek, P. Dzombak, M. Willacker

**11:30am:** B. Bauer, M. Bauer, C. Bozek, Z. Jones, P. Glaser, P. Kalis, J. Lichwala, R. O'Callaghan

### Proclaimers of the Word

**5:00pm:** L. Nickels, R. Gass

**9:00am:** J. Weiland, T. Rea

**11:30am:** L. Read, R. Gonze

### Ushers

**5:00pm:** D. Pepper, B. Beck, P. Carney, W. Peltier, P. Meilak, B. Outwater

**9:00am:** J. Frost, P. Gabli, D. Aten, J. Polich, N. Rickelmann, B. Wetzel

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

### Greeters

**5:00pm:** T. Kenny

**9:00am:** Kuczajda Family

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

### Altar Servers

**5:00pm:** E. Miller (Cross), J. Nickels, J. Nickels

**9:00am:** A. Weiland (Cross), J. Modafferi, R. Modafferi

**11:30am:** T. Tarske (Cross), S. Tarske, J. Callaghan

### Offertory Gifts

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

**9:00am:** Please sign up.

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

### Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

**Linens –April:** R. Miller, M. Sheehan

**Cleaning the Altar – April:** T. Kurzawa

### Collection Counters

**April 13:** S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski

(Special Collection: Need extra person to sign up)

**April 20:** A. Martin, M. Ulman, H. Menosky

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord**

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

