



Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!!! As we celebrate the fifty days of Easter, let us keep our spirits high, and give God thanks for the gift of eternal life. I want to thank Fr. Orsi for filling in for me this weekend, as I am out of town celebrating a relative's wedding. I'll be driving my parents around. I keep kidding them that it is my version of "Driving Miss Daisy!"

Many, many thanks to all who assisted in making last weekend's Triduum celebrations so moving and wonderful: the art and environment committee of the Worship Committee; servers; deacon and "deacon-soon-to-be;" Rebecca and the Youth Group; Angela and the RCIA team; Tony and the Music Ministry; sacristans; office support staff; ushers; lectors; EMHCs, and all the faithful participants.

May the God of all mercies keep you healthy, happy, and holy in the coming weeks.

Fr. Bill Wegher

**Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, April 12, 2009:**

- \$500 – David Newton**
- \$25 - Leonard Lichwala**
- Leo Gonzalez**
- Carmen Hubbard**
- Dan Haberl**
- Robert Karfonta**
- Mark Krolewski**
- William Beck**

**Spring Cleaning?**

Let us help you get rid of your old magazines and catalogs. St. Mary School is a designated Green School in Michigan. One of the ways that we have achieved that status is through paper recycling. We are encouraging all parishioners to continue to use the green bins in front of the school to recycle your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail and business paper or bagged shredded paper. On Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is Earth Day, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be available to help unload your cars between 10:00am and 12:30pm. Thank you for your support.

**ATTENTION PLEASE!!!** The door stops on the exterior doors are there for funerals and moving of large objects only!!! PLEASE DO NOT FLIP THEM DOWN WHEN EXITING CHURCH ON SUNDAY!!! Both in the winter and in the summer, the large rush of outdoor air into the building kicks on the heating and cooling systems which are not needed at that time and which costs us much money. So... hold the door for the next person, DO NOT PUT THE STOPPERS DOWN. If the person in front of you is doing this, please ask them not to. If you find them down, please flip them back up. This is all part of responsible stewardship on the part of all for our parish.

**Virtus: Protecting God's Children**  
Training sessions for Virtus: Protecting God's Children will be held:

April 21, 2009 from 8:30-11:30am - &- 6:30-9:00pm  
May 7, 2009 from 6:00-9:00pm  
May 9, 2009 from 9:00am-12:00pm

Adults working or volunteering with children and/or young people are required to complete the training. The Diocese will be suspending any adults not in compliance from volunteering this year so it is extremely important that this session is made a priority. It is also a great awareness program for families. Safe environments are a necessity. Pre-registration is necessary please contact Rebecca at 734-878-2217, ext 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

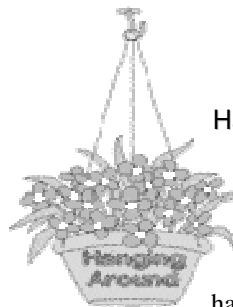
Have you not yet been Confirmed, received the sacrament that completes your initiation in the Catholic Church? Have you missed the sacrament when it was offered for you? The 8 Livingston Regional parishes are offering a six-week course to prepare you for this sacrament. You will then be Confirmed in your own parish at Pentecost. Classes are at St. John the Baptist Parish in Howell/Hartland on Thursdays, April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>, 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).

**GOT SOCKS?**

**Used Socked Needed!!!**

The Christian Service team is collecting used socks (even unmatched socks!) for the Flint schools. Please leave them in a bag in the church or school office. We have collected 250 pairs so far. They were thrilled with the latest delivery of socks and clothing. We will also collect clothing and coats. This past fall Pinckney schools and St. Mary collected over 300 coats for Detroit and Flint homeless ministries. Thank you very much for your help. Questions, please call Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547.

**Mark the Date! Mark the Date!**  
**Mother's Day is coming soon!**  
**May 9-10<sup>th</sup> !**



Hanging Baskets and bags, baked goods, a Quilt and Baptismal Garment, OH My!

This year the youth 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. This year the quilt is a beautiful Bible Quilt with Old Testament Scenes done in traditional redwork embroidery. As an added bonus this year we have a stunning Baptismal Garment to raffle. The final drawing will be at the Parish Picnic.

**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.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup> Mystagogy #1 12:45-1:45pm  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> Mystagogy #2 TBD

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

#### Faith Formation Information

- **REMINDER: Sunday Session Classes for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades resume next Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Summer 2009 Session for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades will be held June15-June26 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.

## **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.

#### Confirmation Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
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</b>		<b>Pastoral Interviews</b>
05/24		NO Formation Session
05/30	8:30am-6:00pm	Retreat
06/09	5:30-7:00pm	Confirmation Practice
	7:00pm	Confirmation
06/12	5:30-7:00pm	Confirmation Follow-up and Pizza
	7:00-10:30pm	Swing Into Summer Dance Party

#### HS Youth Group Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
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 any 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 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 May 6, 2009!**

*Homeless Challenge!*

When: May 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Times: 7:00pm – 12:30pm

What: Homeless Awareness and Service

Details at this point (subject to change):

Prior to the event Teens will gather items for the Ozone House. Since 1969, Ozone House has provided a safe place, shelter and continued support to thousands of runaway, homeless and high-risk youth in our community who don't have a safe place to call home. The night of the event we will be hanging out on the school playground participating in Homeless Awareness Activities. In the morning we will be helping to serve breakfast to the homeless in Ann Arbor. Permission Slips are required and Chaperones are needed! Forms in the gathering space. Contact Rebecca Keiser!

### *Taizé*

**The Christian Community Is Invited...**

As we gather to reflect on the Easter mysteries

revealed to us through Christ Jesus, our risen Lord, to this meditative common prayer composed of song, scripture, and silence.

**Friday, April 24 at 7:30pm**

**ST. MARY MAGDALEN -**

**2201 S. Old U.S. 23 Highway, Brighton (810) 229-8624**

### 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).

### HELP NEEDED

#### Our Little Lambs Need Some More Shepherds!

The Children's Liturgy of the Word Program is looking for some more smiling faces to help instill the Word of God into our youngest members. During the 11:30 Sunday mass we share the weekly readings with children 3-8 years old on a level they can understand and enjoy while participating in song, prayer, and activities pertinent to the liturgical season. Our only requirement is that you be a confirmed Catholic in good standing, have a love for children, the Holy Scripture, and have participated in the VIRTUS (protecting God's children) program. Men, women and young adults welcome!

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Karen Burke at [KERRNB@yahoo.com](mailto:KERRNB@yahoo.com) or phone 734-878-9233.

God Bless and hope to hear from you soon.

### TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

On Palm Sunday weekend, the Knights of Columbus had their annual Tootsie Roll Drive to help raise money for the mentally impaired. Knights, Daughters and members of St. Mary Parish braved the elements and stood in front of local business collecting money. We are pleased to announce that over \$3,600.00 dollars was raised that weekend. The money will be split three ways with donations going to Special Olympics of Livingston County, St. Louis Center in Chelsea, and St. Francis Camp on the Lake in Ypsilanti. The Knights and especially all the children who will reap the benefit want to thank all who helped and all who generously participated in this program.



**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



### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Berger Scholarship

**Come one! Come all! On Friday, May 8th we will be hosting the second annual Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship fund raising event.**

Enjoy a wonderful spaghetti dinner as you listen to a recording of Tricia's senior recital. Please join us! It is a great way to help promote aspiring musicians. (It is also a great way to get out of cooking and doing dishes!)

The event will be held at St Mary School in the multi-purpose room from 4:30-7:00pm.

Don't forget! Music scholarship applications are still available for the 2009-2010 school year. Pick one up in the school or parish office today!

**Spaghetti Dinner In Memory of Tricia Berger**  
**Friday, May 8th**

**Please return to school office by**  
**Wednesday, May 6th!**

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ on May 8th  
Dinner: 4:30 -7pm  
Children's artwork on display this evening too.

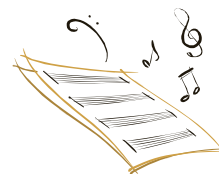
**LABOR OF LOVE – People Helping People**  
**Saturday, May 2, 2009**

[www.laboroflovelivingston.com](http://www.laboroflovelivingston.com)

**A one day effort to serve our elderly, disabled, & financially challenged neighbors to maintain & repair their homes so they may continue to live independently.**

To sign-up contact us at  
[wecare@laboroflovelivingston.com](mailto:wecare@laboroflovelivingston.com) or call 810-227-5099.

**MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES**  
**Who's Who in the Music Ministry**



This weekend, the spotlight is on Dale Pepper, a member of our adult choir. Dale has been a parishioner at St. Mary's for the past 41 years.

His favorite hymns include "How Great Thou Art", "Prayer of St. Francis", "On This Day, O Beautiful Mother", "How Can I Keep from Singing", and "Morning Has Broken". Among his favorite literary works are, first and foremost, the Bible, "Please Understand Me II" (by David Keirse), biographies, and books on science and history. His favorite movies are "Jim Thorpe—All American", "A Beautiful Mind", "Ben Hur", "Dr. Zhivago", "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest", "Field of Dreams", and "The Passion of the Christ".

Most of Dale's favorite quotes come from scripture: *The love of money is the root of all evil (I Timothy); Judge not, that ye be not judged (the Gospels of Matthew and Luke); Many that are first shall be last, and the last shall be first (Matthew); It is more blessed to give than to receive (the book of Acts).* A favorite non-scriptural quote is *Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet (Rousseau).* Some of the people Dale most admires include Jesus Christ, Pope John Paul II, Abraham Lincoln, and Ronald Reagan. Among his hobbies are reading, yard work, dancing with his wife, Joan; spending time with his grandchildren, and playing and watching sports.

Last, but not least, are Dale's proudest accomplishments: marrying his wife, Joan, and fathering four children; becoming a Catholic; being a charter member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary; and being accepted into the adult choir, despite no prior musical experience.

Dale is loyal, humble, considerate, and always willing to help anyone in need. This world could certainly use more people like him! Thanks, Dale, for sharing with us. Your service to our parish is greatly appreciated!

*"Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing;  
It sounds and echoes in my soul;  
How can I keep from singing?"*  
(from the hymn, "How Can I Keep from Singing")

<u>Report for</u> <u>April 13, 2009</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> <u>07/01/08-04/13/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 19,394.16	\$ 590,425.61
FaithScope/FaithQuest	\$ 653.00	\$ 113,126.74
	\$ 20,047.16	\$ 703,552.35
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 598,336.40
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 346,292.40
Variance	\$ (2,983.56)	\$ (241,076.45)

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

**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.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

The Beginning Experience of Lansing is presenting a weekend for grieving widowed, divorced, and separated people on May 1, 2, & 3, 2009, at the St. Joseph Center in Jackson. This program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Pre-registration is required, please call: Pam (517-784-7585), Karen (517-449-3906) or Nancy (517-371-2397).

**UPCOMING RETREATS AT ST. FRANCIS  
RETREAT CENTER, DEWITT**

To register please call St. Francis Retreat Center at 866-669-8321 or online at [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws)

**Live, Laugh, Love: A retreat for Mothers and Daughters, May 8-9, 2009**

Facilitated by Fr. Larry Delaney and Catherine and Miriam Lynch. A time to pray, rest, and enjoy being together with the women of your family. The retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and ends after dinner Saturday evening. Cost for the retreat is \$75/person. Pre-registration is required and a \$25 deposit is requested with your registration.

**St. Francis Retreat Center Garden Society Plant Sale, Saturday May 9 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Plants for shade, drought tolerance and new varieties of re-blooming German Iris. Photo note cards of the Retreat Center will also be available. All proceeds support the Garden Society's work developing and maintaining the grounds and gardens of St. Francis Retreat Center.



**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

**MASS INTENTIONS – April 19-26**

**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

**Monday, April 20**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**Tuesday, April 21 -St. Anselm**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

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

**Wednesday, April 22**

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

**Thursday, April 23 - St. George, St. Adalbert**

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Emil Kuk by Sinkovich Family

**Friday, April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Bryan Wick by Family

**Saturday, April 25 - St. Mark**

**8:30am:** In Memory of Al Hoard by Bernice Theisen

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Donald Kinnear by Fran McLaughlin

**Sunday, April 26 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Gene Merrill by Salowitz Family

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

**COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS**

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

**April 27:** B. Rea, **April 28:** T. Burke, **April 29:** J. Wilson

**WEEKLY READINGS – April 19-25**

**Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31/Ps 118

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8/Ps 2

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15/Ps 93

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21/Ps 34

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36/Ps 34

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15/Ps 27

**Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20/Ps 89

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

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

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

**Marriage Bann I**

**Jim Wysocki – Kate Stroeshein**

**Mother Theresa shares these words with us: “The joy of the risen Lord is the sunshine of our Father’s love. The joy of Jesus is the hope of eternal happiness. The joy of Jesus is the flame of burning love. Easter is this joy.**

**LAY MINISTERS –April 25-26**

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

**5:00pm:** M. Bergeron, K. Hinkle, L. Wack, P. O’Brien,

S. Jasinski, P. Miller, S. Cowdrey, R. Cowdrey, I. Liddy

**9:00am:** P. Hohl, T. Redpath, H. Menosky, R. Stevens,

R. Wetzel, B. Kolnitys, R. Kolnitys, D. Hall, L. Barba

**11:30am:** B. Mayer, L. Frendt, B. Frendt, K. Mueller, J.

Mueller, K. Peavyhouse, M. Smith, J. Streu, J. Brennan

**Proclaimers of the Word**

**5:00pm:** M. Vroman, D. Denome

**9:00am:** D. Wise, D. Wise

**11:30am:**R. Kalis, G. Mable

**Ushers**

**5:00pm:** R. Denome, W. Peltier, T. Kenny, P. Carney,

P. Meilak, B. Outwater

**9:00am:** T. Wilson, 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:** M. Hinkle

**9:00am:** Meldrum Family

**11:30am:** Mayer Family

**Altar Servers**

**5:00pm:** C. O’Brien (Cross), M. Pescrillo, J. Peltier

**9:00am:** G. Redpath (Cross), S. Masinda, A. Meldrum

**11:30am:** T. Wilson (Cross), T. Wilson, H. Kiel

**Offertory Gifts**

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

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

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

**Home Chalice Program**

**5:00pm:** Mrs. Joan Weber

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

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

**Collection Counters**

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

**April 27:** J. King, E. & C. Cheesman, R. Miller, J. Darrow

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Today’s first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, offers us a vivid picture of what stewardship looks like. “The community of believers was of one heart and mind, no one claimed possessions as their own, but they had everything in common...there was no needy person among them. Let us remember that all we have belongs to the Lord. We only possess anything because the Lord has blessed us richly. May we share all that we have been given, and have achieved, with all of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The entire world is our brother and sister. We are all one Body in Christ, and to each member we owe love, compassion, understanding, support, aid, assistance, and recognition of their value and worth as a cherished child of God.