



**ANNOUNCING...THE ST. MARY SCHOOL  
LATCHKEY & PRE-SCHOOL  
DAY CARE PROGRAM**

Great news that will make the lives of parents easier!

Beginning next school year St. Mary School will offer a Pre-School Day Care & School Age Latchkey Program. Many parents have expressed interest in having these options in our school to help meet the demands of their busy schedule and to provide a faith-based care program for their children. Each of these programs will be taught by current St. Mary teaching staff.

The K-8 Latchkey program will be available before and after school for up to 18 students. (Session I from 6:30am-8:10am & Session II from 3:30pm-6pm). Parents can bring their children in early before school and pick them up later after school in a supervised setting. Price is determined by the session for each child.

The Pre-School Day Care Program will provide pre-school parents several care options for their child. Morning pre-schoolers will be able to stay into the afternoon in a different Day Care classroom supervised by a qualified staff member. Afternoon pre-school children can attend the morning Day Care session and transfer to the pre-school classroom at the appropriate time.

The Day Care Program will focus on exploring children's interests and developing empathy for others. Fees will be assessed by the day or session to give parents the flexibility to fit their busy schedule.

Parents can learn more details about these two great programs by calling the school office at 734-878-5616.

**RETREAT FOR MEN**

Join the men of the parish signing up for the annual retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the weekend of May 15 – 17, 2009. The theme is "Divine Surprises: Finding God in...". Ask someone who has made a retreat and they will tell you that they have never been more at peace with God and the world. A retreat once a year is a vital necessity these days. Call in your reservations now to John Schenden at 734-878-3291 or the Retreat Center at 313-535-9563.

**ATTENTION: PARISHIONERS**

Thomas James Rea from this parish is scheduled to be ordained as a permanent Deacon on May 16, 2009, for service to the Diocese of Lansing. Anyone knowing a serious reason which impedes his ordination should make this known to Deacon Gerald Brennan, Director of Permanent Deacons, Diocese of Lansing, 300 West Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48933, no later than May 11, 2009.

Dear Parishioners,

As we move out of April and into May, while celebrating this Easter season, we want to congratulate those Second Graders who will be making their First Solemn Communion this Sunday. This sacrament of initiation brings them to the community table, fully participating in and as part of the Body of Christ. Please pray for them and offer them a word of congratulations also. It's a joy to see their enthusiasm and excitement. May we also share in such excitement each time we approach our Lord in Holy Communion.

Many, many thanks to all who participated in our school auction last week. It was a wonderful event, and I especially want to commend the auction committee. They spent countless hours in procuring items and setting up, but they also exhibited great creativity. Kudos!

Next weekend we will celebrate Mother's Day, and have a May crowning between the liturgies.

A blessed week, Fr. Bill

**RAFFLE**

It's not too late to turn in your raffle tickets. There are still **248 chances to win!!**

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, April 26, 2009:

- \$25 winners- Elaine Koch
- Ray Maher
- Paul Ketola
- Al Orlow
- Lee Hazel
- Jeff & Madonna Lefebvre
- Bev Mostowy

Congratulations again! Join us next week, May 10<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 am mass when Fr. Bill pulls out 7 more lucky winners. Prize money is awarded during the raffle. If the winner is not present, they will be contacted. Prize money can be picked up at the parish office during regular business hours. Out of town winners will be mailed a check. Prizes awarded next week are 7-\$25.00, Good Luck to all!

*Family Life Night  
May 20, 2009, 5:30pm*

**Meatballs and Noodles!**

*This will be the last Family Life  
Night until September!*



This is a rewarding opportunity to help nourish God's people! Please consider donating your time and talent to help! Questions or to volunteer contact: Rebecca at 734-878-2217, ext 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)



Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Turn in your Mother's Day envelope  
by Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **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).

### **Faith Formation Information**

- Please keep all of our 64 boys and girls in your prayers as they receive 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, this Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm.
- REMINDER – NO Rel Education Sunday Session on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> due to Mother's Day! Classes resume on Sunday, May 17<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**

If you wish to have your children/child attend any of the Religious Education Programs your Registration information can be turned in at one of the following Registration Dates;

- \*May 6, 2009 from 6-9pm in the multi-use room.
- \*May 7, 2009 from 9-11am in the multi-use room.

The following forms need to be completed before your child/children can be signed up for a class/session. These forms are currently on the parish website [www.stmarypinckney.org](http://www.stmarypinckney.org) under Religious Education. If for some reason you are unable to complete the Electronic Fund Transfer form – please contact Fr. Bill or myself. For any questions please contact Angela in the Faith Formation Office – 734-878-2217 ext 218.

#### **Forms Needed for Registration**

- Electronic Fund Transfer (one/family)
- Registration Form (one/family)
- Health History Form (one/child)

## **CEMETERY WORK DAY**

Last fall we had over 50 Parishioners come out to the St. Mary Cemetery to start the process to renew and enhance the beauty of our cemetery! What a tremendous outpouring of support we have shown to our parish and to our ancestors and loved ones who are buried there. We are not finished yet and we are planning another work day on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to complete a general spring clean-up and continue on the overall project to create a beautiful setting out there!

We realize that this is short notice and it is Mother's Day weekend, but our goal is to get a clean-up scheduled before the Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and the only other Saturday before then is May 16<sup>th</sup> and we will be celebrating the ordination of Deacon Tom Rea that day!

Bring your rakes, saws, gloves, wheelbarrows or whatever else you can think of so we can continue our challenge to enhance our cemetery. We will start at 9:00am and I would hope to be able to call it a day around noon so that we all can get back to our families to prepare to celebrate our Mothers on their very special day on Sunday!

God Bless, St Mary Cemetery Committee

### **KNIGHTS KORNER - May 2009**

Eucharistic Adoration—May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Trail of Thorns Clean-up—May 2  
Coffee & Doughnuts—May 10, 17  
Daughters Meeting—May 11  
General Business Meeting—May 12  
K. of C. Convention—May 21, 22, 23  
Officers Meeting—May 27  
April Knight of the Month: Kevin Schang  
April Family of the Month: Lee Hazel  
Visit us @ [glmikofc.org](http://glmikofc.org)

### **SUMMER BAZAAR**

St. Mary will be hosting a Summer Bazaar this year on July 25, 2009, from 10am – 4pm  
“Christmas In July”  
Crafters & Vendors Needed!  
Contact Mary Press at 734-878-6563.

### ***Virtus: Protecting God's Children***

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

- 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)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!** The annual rummage is on its way! We will start collecting your treasures August 10, 2009. Stay tuned for more details!



## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

### C.S. Lewis on Church Music

**Musical Taste:** There are two musical situations on which I think we can be confident that a blessing rests. One is where a priest or an organist, himself a man of trained and delicate taste, humbly and charitably sacrifices his own (aesthetically right) desires and gives the people humbler and coarser fare than he would wish, in a belief (even, as it may be, of the erroneous belief) that he can thus bring them to God. The other is where the stupid and unmusical layman humbly and patiently, and above all silently, listens to music which he cannot, or cannot fully, appreciate, in the belief that it somehow glorifies God, and that if it does not edify him this must be his own defect. Neither such a High Brow nor such a Low Brow can be far out of the way. To both, Church Music will have been a means of grace; not the music they have liked, but the music they have disliked. They have both offered, sacrificed, their taste in the fullest sense. But where the opposite situation arises, where the musician is filled with the pride of skill or the virus of emulation and looks with contempt on the unappreciative congregation, or where the unmusical, complacently entrenched in their own ignorance and conservatism, look with the restless and resentful hostility of an inferiority complex on all who would try to improve their taste – there, we may be sure, all that both offer is unblessed and the spirit that moves them is not the Holy Ghost.

**Musical Intention:** It seems to me that we must define rather carefully the way, or ways, in which music can glorify God. There is ...a sense in which all natural agents, even inanimate ones, glorify God continually by revealing the powers He has given them. And in that sense we, as natural agents, do the same. On that level our wicked actions, in so far as they exhibit our skill and strength, may be said to glorify God, as well as our good actions. An excellently performed piece of music, as natural operation which reveals in a very high degree the peculiar powers given to man, will thus always glorify God whatever the intention of the performers may be. But that is a kind of glorifying which we share with the 'dragons and great deeps', with the 'frost and snows'. What is looked for in us, as men, is another kind of glorifying, which depends on intention. How easy or how hard it may be for a whole choir to preserve that intention through all the discussions and decisions, all the corrections and the disappointments, all the temptations to pride, rivalry and ambition, which precede the performance of a great work, I (naturally) do not know. But it is on the intention that all depends. When it succeeds, I think the performers are the most enviable of men; privileged while mortals to honor God like angels and, for a few golden moments, to see spirit and flesh, delight and labour, skill and worship, the natural and the supernatural, all fused into that unity they would have had before the Fall.

This was taken from an essay entitled "On Church Music" by C. S. Lewis. It can be found in a current publication called Christian Reflections published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.; ISBN: 0802808697.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

The Peoples Church in Pinckney, will hold a health screening on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, from 9am-4:30pm. On that day, Life Line Screening will scan the carotid artery in the neck for plaque build-up, which can lead to stroke (75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage) and the arteries in the legs for peripheral arterial disease, which is linked to heart disease. They also offer a third test for aneurysms in the aortic vessel in the abdomen. Life Line Screening will also offer a bone density screen to test for osteoporosis. We have added a fifth test, Atrial Fibrillation, which is the most common type of heart arrhythmia or irregular heartbeat. This is a prevention program, and with early detection, these problems can be treated. The results are sent directly to you in about 21 days. These tests which are non-invasive, completely painless and take about ten minutes each, are offered for \$45 a piece. Receive discounts when you sign-up for the Wellness Package. Pre-registration is a must! Please call Karin Povish at 248-685-8443 to register & receive a discount!

<u>Report for</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
<u>April 27, 2009</u>		<u>07/01/08-04/27/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 13,480.69	\$ 619,403.14
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 1,330.50	\$ 115,441.24
	\$ 14,811.19	\$ 734,844.38
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 627,083.22
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 363,607.02
Variance	\$ (8,219.53)	\$ (255,845.86)

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

## 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!**

### Middle School DANCE

Attention ALL 6 - 8<sup>th</sup> graders:

It's your PARTAY!

A dance just for you! All middle school aged students are invited to a dance May 15th!

Time: 7pm-10pm Place: St. Mary Gym Cost: \$5.00

Stay tuned for the theme and more information!!!!

**BRING A FRIEND SO YOU KNOW SOMEONE!**  
(if that is your excuse☺)

Call or email Rebecca with questions!  
[rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org) or 734-878-2217 ext. 203

# 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:
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
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

Date:	Time:	Event:
05/04	6:30-8:30pm	HS Everything Skit Meeting
05/06	6:00-7:00pm	HS Leadership Meeting
	6:30-8:30pm	MS & HS Youth Group
05/09-10	After Masses	Spring Fundraiser
05/13	6:30-8:30pm	HS Youth Group
05/17	12pm-2pm	Help at Reception
05/20	6:30-8:30pm	MS & HS Youth Group (FLN)
05/27	6:30-8:30pm	HS Youth Group

(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)



## Youth Spring Fundraisers! 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.

**CEDAR POINT! JUNE 24, 2009**



**REGISTER BY JUNE 8, 2009**

**Or ASAP TO ENSURE A SEAT**

St. Mary Youth will be joining up with St. Joseph's Youth from Dexter for Diocesan Days at Cedar Point! Enjoy a comfy ride on a bus full of young people. Relax on the way and get ready

to conquer THE POINT!

NO you don't have to come to regular youth nights to join us you just **have to be in High School in the fall or just graduated this year.**

We are also looking for Chaperones...

Not a mission for the faint hearted!

Due to limited seating you are not registered until your paperwork is turned in and you pay or make arrangements with me as to when you will pay. We only have 25 seats to start and then there will be a waiting list! So register soon!

**Cost: \$60 Seating is limited Contact Rebecca ASAP.**

([rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org) or 734-878-2217 ext 203)

## Laus Deo 2009

### Lansing Regional High School Youth Day

**When:** June 6, 2009

**Time:** 8:45am-7:00pm

**Where:** St. Mary, Williamston, MI

**What:** Day of concerts and inspirational talks by internationally recognized artists and local talent- Fr. Stan Fortuna, Chris Padgett, Thicker than Water, Point 5 Covenant, Phatmass, and Father James Conlon. The day also includes lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, Reconciliation, and Vigil Mass of the Holy Trinity with Bishop Boyea presiding.

**Cost:** \$25 if 10 students sign up!

*Forms in Gathering Space or contact Rebecca Keiser*

### Attention Class of 2009: Or Parents of a Graduate!

Share this wonderful time in your family's life with your family in Christ. Let's honor these amazing young people and their families during the Graduation Mass on Graduation weekend. (More info to follow)

Please submit the name of the graduate, their high school as well as their goals/interests for the future (college attending or anything else to share) to the parish office (Attention: Rebecca Keiser) or drop it in the collection basket! Thank you!

### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**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. 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!

St. Mary Catholic Parish May 3, 2009

## MASS INTENTIONS –May 3-10

**Sunday, May 3 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

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

**11:30am:** In Memory of Emil Kuk by Sinkovich Family

**Monday, May 4**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**Tuesday, May 5**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**5:00pm:** In Honor of Our Blessed Mother by R.A.S.

**Wednesday, May 6**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Al Hoard by Robert Wild Family

**Thursday, May 7 - National Day of Prayer**

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

**Friday, May 8**

**9:00am:** In Honor of Bachmura Family by Domen Family

**Saturday, May 9**

**8:30am:** In Memory of Dolores Ramm by Ruth Britcher

**5:00pm:** In Honor of Joe & Ruth Miller on their 50<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Anniversary by Family

**Sunday, May 10 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

**9:00am:** In Memory of Earl Ruth by Salowitz Family

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

## COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

**May 4-5:** D. Denome, G. Wizgird

**May 11-12:** B. Rea, J. Wilson

## WEEKLY READINGS –May 3-9

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18/Ps 118

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10/Ps 42; 43

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30/Ps 87

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50/Ps 67

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20/Ps 89

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6/Ps 2

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14/Ps 98

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Ray Beard, Tom Butler, Fred Czaja, Paul D'Angelo, Jr., Donald Dudek, Sr. Gretchen Elliott, Robert Gibson, 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., Sarah Woody, Helen Zwiernikowski

## Marriage Bann III

**Jim Wysocki – Kate Stroeshein**

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

## LAY MINISTERS –May 9-10

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

**5:00pm:** M. Bergeron, K. Hinkle, M. Moenart, S. Cowdrey, R. Cowdrey, J. Pepper, I. Liddy, T. Kurzawa, D. Wietecha

**9:00am:** S. Hunter, A. Langford, H. Menosky, R. Wetzel, B. Kolnitys, R. Kolnitys, P. Dzombak, D. Hall, M. Willacker

**11:30am:** Z. Jones, P. Glaser, B. Mayer, D. Miller, L. Frendt, B. Frendt, R. O'Callaghan, K. Peavyhouse, M. Smith

### Proclaimers of the Word

**5:00pm:** L. Wack, L. Lichwala

**9:00am:** S. Wild, J. Weiland

**11:30am:** T. Barrett, L. Mable

### Ushers

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

**9:00am:** J. Frost, D. Aten, J. Muller, T. Wilson, 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:** P. Gabli

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

### Altar Servers

**5:00pm:** P. Moenart (Cross), S. Wack, J. Wing

**9:00am:** S. Langford (Cross), R. Menosky, D. Hunter

**11:30am:** J. Glaser (Cross), T. Jones, N. Westerberg

### Offertory Gifts

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

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

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

### Home Chalice Program

**May 3:** Miller Family

**May 10:** Aten Family

Linens – **May:** J. Wilson, C. Kiel

Cleaning the Altar – **May:** D. Wysocki

### Collection Counters

**May 4:** M. Sheehan, G. Killingbeck, N. Rickelmann

**May 11:** M. Glynn, R. Layman

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

To be good stewards, we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

The Lord is our shepherd who knows and loves us intimately, laying down His life for us, leading us through daily experiences, and beckoning us with His voice; "Follow Me." What a comfort we have in Jesus, knowing that amid all of the confusing sounds and temptations of this world we have *One* true guide and leader – our Sacred Savior and Shepherd who seeks us out, from what scatters us at times, and gathers us together in His name. Alleluia!