



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate this beautiful month of May, we wish a very special blessing on all Mothers and all women who give life in any way. Motherhood is always a sacrifice and a blessing simultaneously. Mothers are first examples of faith in action, and those we often turn to first in life in times of joy and difficulty. We pray that all of you may have health, happiness, and peace of mind.

Many people are working in their gardens, and praying that no late frost hits our state. As you are planting, if you have perennials that need to be thinned out, please consider bringing them to the parish for planting. Last year, many of our island flower workers spent much of their own money to help beautify the parish. Your contributions can make a very special addition, while adding a real cost savings to the flowers of our parish. Drop them off near the front door of the main office any time. Please put a note on them telling us what they are.

It's time!!! At long last, Mr. Tom Rea will be ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Lansing. This solemn and great event will take place next Saturday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in East Lansing. The entire parish is welcome. We will have a reception after each mass next week to honor Tom, and invite you to pray for him, his wife Barb, and his classmates this coming week.

Keep those DSA pledges coming.

Blessings,
Fr. Bill Wegher

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.

ADOPT AN ISLAND CHALLENGE

To enhance the beauty of our facility we are once again developing plans for "Adopt an Island Challenge". Families, groups, teams will adopt one of the traffic islands in our parking lot and be responsible to enhance their beauty with planting flowers and then insuring their upkeep over the spring and summer. In the fall we will have a judging of the islands to determine the "Challenge" winners.

If you wish to continue with your island from last year you must inform us! Please contact Trese Steinaway at steinawaytrese@hotmail.com or 734-878-5308 if you are returning or interested in joining!

Congratulations

1st Holy Communion Class of 2009

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| <i>Maria Albert</i> | <i>Gabrielle Liddy</i> |
| <i>Brendan Aten</i> | <i>Margaret Mallia</i> |
| <i>Ryan Bartlett</i> | <i>Melissa Marsh</i> |
| <i>Brenna Bell</i> | <i>Scott McGlade</i> |
| <i>Laura Boote</i> | <i>Molly Miller</i> |
| <i>Jennifer Booth</i> | <i>Alayna Moricz</i> |
| <i>Markus Brown</i> | <i>Sarah Morris</i> |
| <i>Brendan Burke</i> | <i>Garrett Neigebauer</i> |
| <i>Austin Chigas</i> | <i>Olivia Oakes</i> |
| <i>Taylor Clarke</i> | <i>Allison O'Keefe</i> |
| <i>Victoria Conquest</i> | <i>Samantha Orłowski</i> |
| <i>Alexandra Depew</i> | <i>Aidan Ozias</i> |
| <i>Johnathon Dobis</i> | <i>Patrick Perkins</i> |
| <i>Alyssa Domen</i> | <i>Alexandria Patrias</i> |
| <i>Luke Flickema</i> | <i>Chase Peterson</i> |
| <i>Gabriel Garbarz</i> | <i>Samuel Peterson</i> |
| <i>Joseph Gilligan</i> | <i>Richard Plait</i> |
| <i>Michael Gonzalez</i> | <i>Erin Polich</i> |
| <i>Ryan Hanifan</i> | <i>Meghan Schultz</i> |
| <i>Jaeger Hatchard</i> | <i>Calista Shannon</i> |
| <i>Lily Hayes</i> | <i>Connor Slotnick</i> |
| <i>Paige Helmling</i> | <i>Sarah Smith</i> |
| <i>Tyler Horvath</i> | <i>Nicholas Spadafore</i> |
| <i>Lillian Hovorka</i> | <i>Noah Stephens</i> |
| <i>Steven Huyck</i> | <i>Nicholas Stone</i> |
| <i>Jenna Joseph</i> | <i>Lauren Sullivan</i> |
| <i>Noah Kasprzak</i> | <i>Rylie Toy</i> |
| <i>Ethan Klask</i> | <i>Easton Turner</i> |
| <i>Jacob Knudson</i> | <i>Jack Ward</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Kramer</i> | <i>Ashley Watson</i> |
| <i>Paul LaRosa</i> | <i>Zachery Westenburg</i> |
| <i>Hannah Lentini</i> | <i>David Zehnder</i> |
| <i>Valen LeVasseur</i> | |

Many Thanks

A special THANK YOU goes to all of the 1st grade parents from Religious Education, Home School and St. Mary School for all that they did to help make the 1st Eucharist Dinner a huge success. The 1st Eucharist children and parents truly enjoyed the evening. May God bless you each in a special way for sharing your time, talent and love with your parish family for this memorable evening.

Thank you, Angela



Family Life Night
May 20, 2009, at 5:30pm
Meatballs and Noodles!

This will be the last Family Life Night until September!

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

Faith Formation Information

- **REMINDER –there is Rel. Education Sunday Session on Sunday, May 17th!**
 - **YES – the Mrs. Battle 2nd grade class returns on May 17th & May 31st.**
- NO Rel. Ed Sunday Session on Sunday, May 24th due to Memorial Day Weekend. ☺
- The FINAL Religious Education Sunday Session Class is Sunday, May 31st! ☺ ☺
- 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.

ATTENTION:

ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS

Religious Education Registration for the 2009-2010 Sessions has begun. Registration is for Summer 2009 Session, Sunday 09-10 Session, and Confirmation Preparation 09-10 (9th graders). If you wish to have your child/children attend any of the Religious Education Programs your Registration information must be turned in by May 31, 2009. The completed registration forms and tuition payment can be dropped off at the Parish Office Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm. 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 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)

God of Eve and God of Mary

God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother earth,
Thank you for the ones who with us
Shared their life and gave us birth.

-Fred Kaan

RAFFLE

It's not too late to turn in your raffle tickets.

There are still **239 chances to win!!**

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, May 3, 2009:

\$100 winner - Muriel Haney

\$25 winners - Muriel Haney, David Manners,
Karen Rowland, Jan Helmboldt,
Cindy Grelecki, Mary Morris
Gloria Laczynski, Mike Nester

Congratulations again! Join us next week, May 17th 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!

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.

DSA 2009

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Diocesan Service Appeal. Truly, you all are 'Sharing Hope in Difficult Times'. If you were unable to pledge over the last few weeks, please consider doing so today. Envelopes are available in the gathering space. Remember this year, 50% of all paid pledges in excess of our parish goal, will come back to our parish for local use.

St. Mary Men's Club presents:

CAESAR'S – WINDSOR

Monday, May 18th

Travel by bus to Caesar's Windsor.

Enjoy hours of gambling! Cost is \$20 per person

9am: Depart St. Mary

10:30am: Arrive at casino

3:30pm: Depart casino

5:00pm: Approximate arrival home

Proof of citizenship such as a passport, or birth certificate, AND State issued identification required! (Passports are not required until June of 2009) To register contact: Stan Olekas 810-231-2904 or Gary Anemaet 734-954-0156.

A Special Evening to Focus on Your Marriage

The Bread of Life Retreat Residence in Ann Arbor is the location of an intimate gathering to celebrate the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus together with your spouse. The first ten couples who reserve a table for two will experience: the sacrifice of the Holy Mass, delicious dinner and desserts, a talk on marriage by Fr. Eric Weber of the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, individual and group prayer time, and sharing faith and fellowship around a bonfire (weather permitting.) Make a date with your spouse and the Sacred Heart of Jesus for **Friday, June 19, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.** A donation of \$40 per couple is suggested for this evening retreat. Space is very limited so call 734/332-9733 today to be a part of this very special night of divine love.

ST. JOAN OF ARC

An Adult Education Series on the Life of St. Joan of Arc will be offered at Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, Hamburg, on May 14, 21 and 28, beginning at 7 PM. Pastor John Rocus will lead three Thursday evening discussions focusing on Joan's life.

The series will examine her short life and accomplishments, as compared with the life and sufferings of Jesus, examining the scriptures in relation to her life and mission. The series will conclude on Saturday evening, May 30, St. Joan's feast day, with a showing for the made for TV mini-series starring Leelee Sobieski. The movie starts at 6 pm. An optional French meal precedes the movie at 5:15 (following the 4 PM vigil mass). The only cost will be the meal at \$10. Please contact the church office at 810-231-9199 for more information and to make reservations for the meal. All are invited to attend the series at no cost.

HUGE GARAGE SALE to support Pregnancy

Helpline! May 14, 15 & 16 at the Clinic! (7743 W. Grand River Ste. 101, Brighton). Come out and support the life saving, family strengthening free services offered to all in need. (Thurs/Fri. 9am-5pm & Sat. 9am-12pm.) Donations accepted May 11, 12 & 13 - - from 10am-5pm. Accepting all donations in good condition except: TV's, Computers, Stereo Equipment, and Clothes. For more information, call 810-494-5433.

Youth Quilt and Baptismal Gown Raffle!

You can still purchase a ticket in the parish office or from Rebecca! The final drawing will be at the Parish Picnic.

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.

<u>Report for</u> <u>May 4, 2009</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> <u>07/01/08–05/04/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 20,120.05	\$ 639,523.19
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 1,331.89	\$ 116,773.13
	\$ 21,451.94	\$ 756,296.32
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 641,456.63
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 372,264.33
Variance	\$ (1,578.78)	\$ (257,424.64)

Thank you for your generous donations!

FOR MEN ONLY! Ever tried to pick up a bible and jump into reading scripture? Any difficulty in understanding what the message is; what it means? It can be daunting until you hear Dr. Mary Healy speak on Scripture Thursday evening, May 21st at St. Patrick Parish in Brighton. Fellowship begins at 7:30 p.m. in McCann Hall. Come and meet Dr. Mary Healy, Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Seminary and author of the recently released "Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scriptures, Volume I, Gospel of St. Mark". She will launch your understanding of scripture and leave you spellbound for more of the Sacred Word. Dr. Healy will have her book on hand to autograph at the conclusion of her presentation. Mass will precede the presentation in the Chapel at 7 p.m.



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, Fred Dehn, Matt Ducummon, Jeff Gabel, Michael Ganzak, Erik Hennigan, Kevin Martin, Michael McInerney, Sean Rooker, Anthony Sparks, Jonathon Stepp, Kenneth & Sherri Streu, Jesse Sutton, Kurt Whitlow



The death of a parent is a turning point in the emotional, personal, and social lives of most adults. It initiates a time of substantial change and redirection in the way we view ourselves, our relationships to others, and our place in the world. Yet friends, coworkers, and even relatives often minimize the extent of loss felt by adults following a parent's death. (Umberson, Debra. *Death of a Parent: Transition to a New Adult Identity*, Cambridge University Press, 2003.) To request a Befriender or to find out more about Befriender Ministry, call the parish office at 734-878-3161.

Youth Ministry

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

Confirmation Reminder!

If you have not scheduled a Pastoral Interview contact Rebecca immediately. We only have one class left so it is crucial that you get everything turned in quickly. (See schedule below). Please contact me with questions.

Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
05/10		NO Formation Session
05/17	10-11:15am	Formation Session
Week of 5/17 Pastoral Interviews		
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:
05/09-10	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

Middle School Youth Group!

Middle School Youth Group meets 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! **Next Meeting is May 20, 2009!**

Middle School Luau!

Attention ALL 6-8th graders!!!

It's your Par-TAY!

When: May 15, 2009, 7pm-10pm

Where: St. Mary Gym

Cost: \$5.00 and donation of back- to- school supplies for inner-city schools

BRING A FRIEND SO YOU KNOW SOMEONE!

(if that is your excuse ☺) - Call or email Rebecca with questions! rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org or

734-878-2217 ext. 203

PURE LOVE

An evening with: JASON EVERT

Topics Include: Romance without Regret, What can save the marriages of tomorrow?, Raising Chaste Teens, & more. Open to young people and parents!

When: Monday, May 11, 2009, 7pm

Where: St. John the Evangelist, Davison, MI

Cost: Free Will Donation

Carpool possibilities! Call Rebecca!



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 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. 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

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 June 7th.** 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! More info. to follow!

Pizza and Pro-Life Skit Night!

Hosted by: Pinckney Pro-Life

Come for a night of PURE fun and laughter!

Eat lots of pizza - perform crazy skits - win cool prizes!

Open to all High School Youth!

When: Friday, May 15, 2009, 7-10pm

Where: St. Patrick Parish, Ann Arbor

Cost: One prayer for the unborn

Questions?: Contact Pinckney Pro-Life 734-426-4740

Faith of Our Mothers

Faith of our mothers!

Faith and prayer

Shall win all nations unto thee;

And through the truth that comes from God,

We shall all then indeed be free.

Faith of our mothers, holy faith!

We will be true to thee till death. *-Frederick W. Faber*

MASS INTENTIONS –May 10-17

Sunday, May 10 – 5th Sunday of Easter (Mother’s Day)

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

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, May 11

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, May 12 – Ss. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras

9:00am: Communion Service

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

Wednesday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima

9:00am: In Honor of all who help the Rosary Altar Society
By RAS

Thursday, May 14 - St. Matthias

9:00am: In Memory of Al Hoard by Tom & Joanne Czubaj

Friday, May 15 – St. Isidore

9:00am: In Memory of James Rickelmann

By Eggleston Family

Saturday, May 16

***8:30am: No Mass or No Communion Service**

(Tom Rea’s Deacon Ordination in Lansing)

5:00pm: In Memory of Dolores Ramm by Ruth Britcher

Sunday, May 17 – 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Gertrude Wizgird

By Geoffrey Wizgird

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

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

WEEKLY READINGS –May 10-16

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8/Ps 22

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26/Ps 115

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a/Ps 145

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8/Ps 122

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17/Ps 113

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17/Ps 57

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21/Ps 100

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Ray Beard, Tom Butler, Robert Gibson, Sally Kelly, Linda Landau, Patricia Lichwala

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.

John 15:16

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

LAY MINISTERS –May 16-17

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: P. Hohl, S. Jasinski, P. O’Brien, M. Andrus, R. Andrus, D. Harris, J. Harris, L. Wack, R. Miller

9:00am: M. Kuczajda, R. Wetzel, C. Weiland, R. Weiland, A. Nagy, A. Langford, L. Barba, C. D’Angelo, I. Dudek

11:30am: L. Abbott, A. Storemski, B. Storemski, P. Gabel, B. Miller, J. Mueller, K. Mueller, J. Streu, J. Brennan

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: M. Bergeron, P. Miller

9:00am: M. Flaherty, D. Leonard

11:30am: B. Corwin, T. Burke

Ushers

5:00pm: T. Kenny, B. Beck, P. Carney, W. Peltier, P. Meilak, B. Outwater

9:00am: J. Frost, P. Gabli, R. Kuczajda, J. Muller, T. Wilson, B. Wetzel

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

Greeters

5:00pm: R. Denome

9:00am: S. Reynolds, M. Reynolds

11:30am: Meldrum Family

Altar Servers

5:00pm: E. Miller (Cross), C. O’Brien, L. Bergeron

9:00am: M. Flaherty (Cross), E. Flaherty, P. Flaherty

11:30am: M. Gabel (Cross), M. Gabel, N. Lefebvre

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Lentini Family

9:00am: Flickema Family

11:30am: Hanifan Family

Home Chalice Program

11:30am: Hanifan Family

Linens – May: J. Wilson, C. Kiel

Cleaning the Altar – May: D. Wysocki

Collection Counters

May 11: M. Glynn, R. Layman

May 18: S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

4th Sunday of Easter

During these challenging times as a society and nation, let us recall the words from today’s Gospel: “He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does He prunes so that it bears more fruit.” Let us reflect upon what the Lord is asking us to prune in our lives – to make way for further growth, and what we are being asked to get rid of completely – that which bears no life in us or for those around us. May we cling to the Lord knowing that apart from Him we can do nothing, and that with Him all things are possible.

Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.