



Dear Parishioners,

1) First and foremost, we extend our sincere congratulations and blessings on Deacon Tom Rea, newly ordained for ministry of proclamation and service of God's people in the Diocese of Lansing. The permanent diaconate, restored in the Catholic West after Vatican II by Pope Paul VI, is designed to assist those in need, as in the Acts of the Apostles, thus freeing the presbyters (priests) for other sacramental ministries. We wish God's blessings upon Tom and his family as he is called to serve our diocese under the direction of Bishop Boyea.

2) Please remember that Ascension Thursday feast day has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter for the past ten years, and is NOT a holy day of obligation in our diocese.

3) I am beginning a new ministry here at St. Mary Church. That ministry is "Mass Captain." I am looking for six individuals or couples who will help set up and clean up for the three weekend liturgies. Mass captains will rotate weeks, but be stable at a particular liturgy. Those who are interested should at least be a lector or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist or familiar with the sacristy, be a regular at a particular mass, and be VIRTUS trained. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Bill at the office.

4) Next Saturday, we will celebrate a "Memorial Liturgy" for our parish. Weather permitting, the liturgy will take place at our cemetery at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 23. Please bring a chair to sit on. If the weather does not cooperate, we will celebrate in the main church at 9:00 a.m. Come and pray for our deceased, and those who have given their lives in the service of our country.

5) There will be no daily liturgy on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week, so that I can attend a field trip with our seventh grade class.

Have a blessed week,  
Fr. Bill Wegher



### June's-A-Bloom'n Breakfast

Country Style Breakfast  
Sunday, June 7, 2009  
Free Will Donations  
For St. Mary's Youth Group  
Show your support for  
tomorrow's leaders!  
Musical Guests: Tony Giamanco &  
Leo Gonzalez  
50/50 Raffle & Flower Raffle

**Congratulations Valen LeVasseur  
On making his First Holy  
Communion, Sunday, May 3, 2009.  
His name was mistakenly omitted  
from last week's bulletin.**



### RAFFLE

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

There are still **232** chances to win!

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for  
Sunday, May 10, 2009:

\$25 winners – Jeff Hinkle, Lisa Hanshue, John Erikson, Jane Dettore, Judy Carney, Donna Drumlake, & Ellen Vorenkamp

Congratulations again! Join us next week, May 24<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!

### FURNITURE MINISTRY

Spring Cleaning? Young Adults Moved Out? Mom and Dad Moved Out or, Moved In? The Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) Furniture Ministry is in **desperate** need of new or gently used furniture. **The biggest need is beds and dressers; imagine children and adults sleeping on the floor in Livingston County.**

The Love INC Furniture Ministry has given over 2,000 pieces of furniture in the last 2 years. All families are verified through the Love INC office. **If you are able to donate please call 810-494-4063.** Leave your name and phone number so they can call you back to set up a time to pick up your items. Thank you and God's blessings on you.

### 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](mailto:steinawaytrese@hotmail.com) or 734-878-5308 if you are returning or interested in joining!

### 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 are 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.

## **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**

- **REMINDER –NO Sunday Session next Sunday 5/24 due to Memorial Day Weekend. The last Sunday Session will be on May 31<sup>st</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**

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 (9<sup>th</sup> graders). If you wish to have your children/child attend any of the Religious Education Programs your Registration information must be turned in by May 31, 2009. The completed electronic fund transfer form, 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](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)

**If you choose not to participate in the electronic fund transfer, you must speak with Angela prior to having your registration for any program confirmed.**

#### **Registrations for ALL Religious Education Programs**

**MUST be completed by May 31, 2009**

**(Summer Session 2009 is filling up quickly!)**

**ROSARY MAKERS:** Our Last Meeting of the Year Will Be Held Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Conference Room B

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

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.

### **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. MARY ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

The Rosary Altar Society is having a Summer Bazaar on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We are looking for donated craft items or slightly used items for our craft table. Please contact Eileen Avery at 734-878-9025 to donate. We are also in need of Crafters & Vendors on this day. Please call Mary Press at 734-878-6563 to be in the show. Thank you for your help.

### **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

The Peoples Church in Pinckney, will hold a health screening on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, from 9am-4:30pm. Tests are non-invasive, completely painless and take about ten minutes each. The cost for each test is \$45. 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!

## MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS

Flags for the graves of veterans in the St. Mary Cemetery are usually replaced on the Thursday or Friday before Memorial Day, so they will be fresh and bright for the holiday. If you are aware of any veteran's grave that should be getting a flag but had not in past years, or of any new veteran's graves, please call Linda or Martha Lavey at 734-878-3438. Please remember all of our veterans on Memorial Day and throughout the year!



**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

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



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.

<u>Report for</u> <u>May11, 2009</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> <u>07/01/08-05/11/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 12,342.21	\$ 651,865.40
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 622.00	\$ 117,395.13
	\$ 12,964.21	\$ 769,260.53
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 655,830.04
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 380,921.64
Variance	\$ (10,066.51)	\$ (267,491.15)

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

## BISHOP LAKE CAMP OUT

It's time to make reservations for the annual Knights of Columbus camp-out. The cost is \$46 to camp from Friday, August 28th through Sunday, August 30th at Bishop Lake Campground. There will be a fishing contest Saturday morning and mass on the grounds Saturday evening. A potluck dinner will follow the mass with hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the K of C. It's lots of fun for the whole family. Contact Rich or Corene Weiland at (734) 878-4447 to make your reservation today.

## HELP WANTED Pre-School Director

### St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Preschool, East Lansing

Specific Requirements:

- ZA Endorsement
  - Valid appropriate Michigan Teaching Certificate
  - Preschool Experience
  - Meets or exceeds licensing regulations and requirements
- All applicants are required to send a cover letter, resume and a list of references no later than May 29, 2009 to:

Preschool Director Search Committee  
St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School  
915 Alton Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823

Email: stapreschool@stachurch.net - No phone calls, please.

## LABOR OF LOVE

We are very grateful to whoever submitted our name for the Labor of Love Project which was held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. A team of 25-30 people arrived at our residence to perform various 'spring-cleaning' jobs. What a surprise to us! The dedication of these individuals was amazing! The day of work concluded with everyone gathering in a circle holding hands for a group prayer. Thank you Labor of Love & the dedicated team members. We couldn't have asked for more! Thank you! Tom & Joanne C.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

The Role of Music in the Church



- Music heightens our God consciousness
- Music prepares the listener for the spoken Word
- Music helps us learn basic spiritual truths
- Music unifies people
- Music promotes a benevolent spirit

Church music, then, is a functional art. It is meant to serve the purposes of God and His church. As noble an art form as music is, it does not exist for its own sake within the church program. Rather, it is one of the most vital means available for the local assembly to achieve its God-given objectives. The validity of sacred music must ultimately be judged by whether it helps the church accomplish its scriptural purposes, glorifies God, and edifies His people.

--Kenneth W. Osbeck



**Family Life Night**  
**May 20, 2009 5:30pm**  
**Meatballs and Noodles!**  
**This will be the last Family Life Night until September!**

**THE IRISH OPEN**

20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FR. GABRIEL RICHARD  
 GOLF OUTING  
 June 8, 2009

Fox Hills Golf Course, Plymouth, MI  
 Please join us for a fun and exciting day of golf  
 Celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FGR Irish Open  
 Your participation helps students attend FGR  
 7:30am Registration ~ 9:00am Start ~ 2:30pm Buffet  
 For detailed information:  
[fgrathletics.com](http://fgrathletics.com) click on Golf Outing  
 or call FGR Advancement Office at 734-662-0496 x 210

**CAFÉ Wednesdays**

**Mary - Jesus' Mother, Our Mother**

**All adults are invited to participate in CAFÉ Wednesdays!**

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm – 8:30pm in Room 152, CAFÉ Wednesdays will have a mini series on the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will discuss why Catholics honor Mary, why there are many various titles for Mary, Mary in Scripture, and much more. Also, the CAFÉ Wednesday adults will learn how to make rosaries. Participating in this 3 session CAFÉ Wednesday offering is great way to learn and honor our Mother Mary during this month of May. Please spread the word amongst your friends to join us on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Angela (734-878-2217 ext 218 or [agarcia@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:agarcia@stmarypinckney.org)) if you have any questions.

**Youth Ministry**

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

**Confirmation Schedule**

Date:	Time:	Event:
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:
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 any questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

**Middle School Youth Group!**

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! **Next Meeting is May 20, 2009!**  
*Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.*

**Youth Quilt and Baptismal Gown Raffle!**

**You can still purchase a ticket or more in the Parish Office or from Rebecca!**  
 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. 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*



**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!

**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!

## **MASS INTENTIONS – May 17 - 24**

**Sunday, May 17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

**11:30am:** In Memory of Gertrude Wizgird

By Geoffrey Wizgird

**Monday, May 18 – St. Pope John I**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**Tuesday, May 19**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**\*\*5:00pm: No Mass**

**Wednesday, May 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena**

**\*\*No Mass or Communion Service**

**Thursday, May 21**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Dorothy Wetherbee

By Bill & Shirley Naylor

**Friday, May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Mackenzie Watts by Family

**Saturday, May 23**

**\*9:00am: Mass Held at Cemetery (Weather Permitting)**

In Memory of Al Hoard by Men's Club

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Margaret Murphy

By Charles Murphy

**Sunday, May 24 – The Ascension of the Lord**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Charles Coughlin by Gilligan Family

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

## **COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS**

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

**May 18-19:** D. Denome, Dan Hall

## **WEEKLY READINGS – May 17 - 23**

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17/Ps 98

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:41/Ps 149

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11/Ps 138

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15,22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15/Ps 148

**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20/Ps 47

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23/Ps 47

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28/Ps 47

### **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

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

**Congratulations  
And Blessings to  
Deacon Tom Rea!**



## **LAY MINISTERS – May 23 – 24**

**(Memorial Day Weekend)**

### **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

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

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

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

### **Proclaimers of the Word**

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

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

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

### **Ushers**

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

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

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

### **Greeters**

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

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

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

### **Altar Servers**

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

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

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

### **Offertory Gifts**

**5:00pm:** Toy Family

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

**11:30am:** Plait Family

### **Home Chalice Program**

**11:30am:** Plait Family

**Linens – May:** J. Wilson, C. Kiel

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

### **Collection Counters**

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

**\*May 26: (Tuesday)** A. Martin, M. Ulman, H. Menosky, R. Laymon

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

Stewardship can be defined most clearly by the words of Jesus in today's gospel: "Love one another as I love you...go and bear fruit that will remain." Reflecting the love of Jesus means to surrender our will for that of our Heavenly Father; to be open to what He wants us to do, where He wants us to go, and how He wants us to live. It means looking outside of ourselves to see the hunger and need of those right around us desperately seeking spiritual food, a relationship with the Lord, and the truth of God's Word. Let us go forth and preach the gospel by the way that we love, and act, and show kindness.