



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Memorial Day to all of you. May you use this holiday to remember those who have died in the service of our country. As we have Americans fighting in two wars currently and in many places of danger throughout our world, please keep them in your prayers also.

Many thanks to recent volunteers: all who worked so hard to clean up our cemetery and thus respecting all who are buried there; all who helped repaint the sacristy; all who are working on island gardens and beautifying our parish; and all who are working on the parish festival committee; plus all who give of their time and talent on a daily and weekly basis. Your stewardship and care for our parish is greatly appreciated.

As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this weekend, may we aspire to greater things and unite our efforts with the vision of the ascended Jesus. Our bishop will be here on June 9th for Confirmation. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could do two things?!: 1) meet our DSA goal before he arrives; and 2) have the parking lot islands planted and beautiful to show our pride in our parish. Your efforts can make the difference.

Peace and prayers, Fr. Bill

### INTO YOUR HANDS

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant." Thus begins a joyful part of St. Luke's Gospel (1:46) that attempts to capture the fullness of Mary's response to the great Annunciation mystery: her Magnificat. Mary is filled with joy upon the intense awareness of God's work in her life, so joy filled in fact, that the joy can't be completely conveyed in human words...only in the human heart.

After the experiences of my ordination, the celebrations at St. Mary's last weekend, and the truly overwhelming expressions of support and generosity that I have received from my sisters and brothers in our parish, the words of Mary's Magnificat ring truer than I have ever experienced them before. God has truly looked with favor on this lowly servant. Indeed, holy is His Name.

The joy in these experiences that we all shared was made possible through the efforts of many, many people here at St. Mary's. I tried to express thank you's to all of you last weekend but words, I think, will never be able to express the fullness of gratitude that I carry in my heart for all of you. For Fr. Bill and Deacon Randy; for all the people who joined in the preparation, carrying out, and clean up of the parties we had (I've got to find out who made all the baked goods!); for all who congratulated and greeted; for all who prayed and thanked; for all those who brought beautiful cards and gifts and sent roses: my heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you.

Now that the celebrations are completed, the realities of the journey of a deacon are before me. The first of those realities is that I have been assigned by Bishop Boyea to serve at St. Cornelius and Cyprian Catholic Church in Leslie (Bunker Hill), Michigan, effective immediately. As Fr. Bill spoke so eloquently two weekends ago, I am ordained for service to the Diocese of Lansing and I go where the Bishop says to go and do what he says to do. Now you know the rest of the story.

This reality reminds me of an ever deepening sense of gratitude and appreciation for the many people of St. Mary's who have known, loved, and blessed our family over the past 18 years. It is from St. Mary's people that God actualized His call for me to become a deacon. It is from St. Mary's people that I was inspired and trained and formed and guided. It is from the recommendation of St. Mary's people that the Bishop accepted me into Aspirancy, Candidacy, and, finally, the Rite of Ordination. You are the second of my vocational birthplaces and, like the first (my marriage to Barb), please know you are cherished and honored by my family.

On this Ascension Sunday, we reflect on the meaning of Jesus' departure from His disciples to return in a great homecoming to His Father. I imagine the disciples were more than a little overwhelmed by His physical disappearance at first. But they quickly found out that, in profound ways, Jesus was with them in Spirit. In the physical sense, our family will no longer be present with you at Eucharist on a regular basis but we will always be with you as part of the larger Body of Christ where the Spirit lives and moves.

The ordination class of permanent deacons of the Diocese of Lansing this year selected the verse "into Your hands" because it seemed to us, based upon many challenging formation experiences, that we needed to name and acknowledge our utter dependence upon divine providence. As each of those men take on new roles and responsibilities, I ask for your ongoing prayers. I have come to depend upon your powerful intercession and am consoled by the knowledge that you will be praying for us.

May God be praised.

Your brother in Christ, Deacon Thomas Rea



### Memorial Day, May 25, 2009

A solemn day of mourning, a sacred day of remembrance to honor those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms.

"Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic." - General Logan - May 5, 1868

## 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 –The last Sunday Session for 08-09 will be on May 31<sup>st</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.

## 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 Angela. 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!)

## CAFÉ Wednesdays

### Mary - Jesus' Mother, Our Mother

**All adults are invited to participate in CAFÉ Wednesdays! It is not too late!!!** We will continue our mini series study on the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm – 8:30pm in Room 152. We will continue to 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 at our June 3<sup>rd</sup> gathering. Participating in one or all of these CAFÉ Wednesday offering sessions is a 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 27<sup>th</sup> & June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Angela (734-878-2217 ext 218 or [agarcia@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:agarcia@stmarypinckney.org)) if you have any questions.



### **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

### **RAFFLE**

It's not too late to turn in your raffle tickets. Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, May 17, 2009:  
\$25 winners – Bruno Kruzel, Wesley Shihault, Joe & Patti Magda, Joe Sanchez, Ted Bird, Rob Pasternak, Elyse Cronemuelt  
Congratulations again! Join us next week 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. Good Luck to all!

### **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.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

TABLE TALK By: Fred Molek

"I hear singing and there's no one there."

- Part I

A common malady among many musicians is the lodging of a tune in their mind's ear, and the tune won't go away. Sometimes it happens after a rehearsal. Sometimes it is a replay of a melody that was sung at a liturgy. Sometimes it just happens. So far, I've yet to discover an antidote to counter the music that just won't go away. I was heartened to learn that musicians are not the only ones who "hear singing and there's no one there."

In a mini-article in *The Week*, a weekly news magazine half the size of Time and twice as newsworthy, information is given that might relate to the omnipresent music going on and on in our heads.

Dr. Victor Aziz, a psychiatrist at St. Cadoc's Hospital in Wales, sees the source of these inside-the-head songs as differing from those of schizophrenics, who hear voices as well as music.

The songs arise in special networks of neurons whose only function is to perceive music.

Aha! I knew it all the time – Mr. Rogers was right: We are special.

We have special neurons that are more advanced and cultivated because we have overloaded them with our lifetime experiences of making music for Jesus.

Aziz goes on to say that people tend to hallucinate songs they've heard hundreds of times or that have special significance to them.

If anyone has heard the same songs hundreds of times, it is the parish musician, whose memory bank is jammed full with "Be Not Afraid" and all the other funeral favorites.

I don't really see us hallucinating with this music. I see the condition that we have imbedded in us as a type of psychomusico iPod. The number of the songs in this sacred music iPod is in relationship to the number of years one has been doing music in church. That's pretty scary when you consider I am well past a half century of church music making.

It will be up to the medical students dissecting their corpses in the medical school's cadaver room to see just how many songs are imbedded in my brain.

Too bad I won't be able to do a TableTalk on that subject, since I will be quite dead.

It would be invaluable for someone to mix scientific probing with musical repertory and offer some musical antidotes to the musical floaters in our head.

For example:

Lodged tune: Shout from the highest mountain...

Antidote: Let all mortal flesh be silent...

## MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The Knights of Columbus will be preparing care packages for our military men and women. We have compiled a list of the most desired items and difficult items to find. If you would like for us to forward a care package to your loved one please contact the parish office with their name and address. Please keep our military in your prayers! Thank you.



## 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.



### **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



Sixty people feel the impact of every soldier who is deployed to and returns from a war zone. For soldiers themselves, routine activities seem meaningless after the experience of combat. They are trained warriors who no longer have an enemy to fight. About two-thirds of the returning military work through their return without major problems, but no one comes back unaffected according to Mike Colson of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington. If you are a soldier or a family member, friend, or co-worker of a soldier & are experiencing difficulty or concerns about the transition you can request a Befriender. Call the parish office at 734-878-3161.

## 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.

## 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!

*\* Please do not walk through the islands to protect the plants that have not yet bloomed. Thank you! \**

# Youth Ministry

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

## Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
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:
05/20	6:30-8:30pm	MS & HS Youth Group (FLN)
05/27	6:30-8:30pm	HS Youth Group
06/03	6:30-8:30pm	HS Leadership Meeting
	6:30-8:30pm	MS & HS Youth Group
06/10	6:30-8:30pm	HS Youth Group
6/12	7:00-10:30pm	Swing Into Summer Dance Party

\*\*\*\*\*NO Friday Night Party in June because of the Dance, will resume on July 10, 2009\*\*\*\*\*

(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)



**SWING INTO SUMMER DANCE PARTY! JUNE 12, 2009**  
 St. Mary Gym 7:00-10:30 PM  
 All fall 2009 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders welcome.

**NO cost just sign in at the door. Chaperones needed please contact Rebecca Keiser 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or [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 June 3, 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.

### 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 family during the **Graduation Mass** which is **9:00am 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! There will be Cake and Punch after Mass. You and your family are also invited to the Men's Club Breakfast for a free will donation. Proceeds help the youth group.



**CEDAR POINT! JUNE 24, 2009**

St. Mary Catholic Parish May 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!



<u>Report for</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
<u>May18, 2009</u>		<u>07/01/08-05/18/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 15,996.24	\$ 667,861.64
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 1,189.00	\$ 118,584.13
	\$ 17,185.24	\$ 786,445.77
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 670,203.45
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 389,578.95
Variance	\$ (5,845.48)	\$ (273,336.63)

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

### Catholic Singles Potluck Picnic (Age 30-59 years)

Sunday, June 14, 2009, 12pm - 4pm

Lower Huron Metro Park, Belleville, MI

BYO: beverage & dish to pass

\$5/per person plus park entrance fee

RSVP by June 12<sup>th</sup> to Kathleen 734-657-7750

## **MASS INTENTIONS – May 24 - 31**

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

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

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

**Monday, May 25 –St. Bede, St. Gregory VII,**

**St. Mary Magdalen de-Pazzi (Memorial Day)**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**Tuesday, May 26-St. Philip Neri**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

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

**Wednesday, May 27-St. Augustine of Canterbury**

**9:00am:** In Honor of Richard Ulrich & Family

By Barbara Lawton

**Thursday, May 28**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Bob Spaulding

By the Men's Club

**Friday, May 29**

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

**Saturday, May 30**

**8:30am:** In Memory of Patricia Charboneau

By Milton Charboneau

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Carole Donohue by Family

**Sunday, May 31**

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

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

## **COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS**

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

**May 25-26:** B. Rea, T. Burke

## **WEEKLY READINGS – May 24 - 30**

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20/Ps 103

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33/Ps 68

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a/Ps 68

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19/Ps 68

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30, 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26/Ps 16

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19/Ps 103

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25/Ps 11

## **OUR PRAYER LIST**

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

Ray Beard, Tom Butler, Robert Gibson, Rachel Good,  
Sally Kelly, Linda Landau, Patricia Lichwala, Margaret  
Tucker

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

*On the feast of the Ascension, we are called to rejoice,  
both in Jesus' victory over sin and death, and in the  
glorious life that He has secured for us.*

## **LAY MINISTERS – May 30 - 31**

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

**5:00pm:** I. Liddy, L. Wack, M. Moenart, M. Bergeron,  
R. Peterson, M. Beck, S. Jasinski, T. Kurzawa

**9:00am:** R. Bailey, S. Hunter, R. Weiland, C. Weiland, B.  
Kolnitys, R. Kolnitys, D. Cieciek, T. Redpath, A. Kuczajda

**11:30am:** P. Gabel, K. Bozek, C. Bozek, B. Mayer, D.

Miller, A. Gilligan, P. Kalis, J. Lichwala, R. O'Callaghan

### **Proclaimers of the Word**

**5:00pm:** K. Hinkle, K. Schang

**9:00am:** D. Cylkowski, M. Flaherty

**11:30am:** P. Candy, G. Mable

### **Ushers**

**5:00pm:** P. Carney, R. Denome, B. Beck, W. Peltier,  
P. Meilak, B. Outwater

**9:00am:** J. Muller, P. Gabli, R. Kuczajda, J. Polich,  
N. Rickelmann, T. Wilson

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

### **Greeters**

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

**9:00am:** D. Magier

**11:30am:** B. Mayer, A. Mayer

### **Altar Servers**

**5:00pm:** J. Jasinski (Cross), L. Jasinski, A. Jasinski

**9:00am:** M. Woods (Cross), D. Hayes, E. Hayes

**11:30am:** J. Schmitter (Cross), S. Ortiz, B. Schmitter

### **Offertory Gifts**

**5:00pm:** Leo & Maria Gonzalez & Family

**9:00am:** Jeff & Debbie Depew & Family

**11:30am:** Russ & Mary Smith & Family

### **Home Chalice Program**

**11:30am:** Russ & Mary Smith & Family

**Linens – May:** J. Wilson, C. Kiel

**June:** J. Helmboldt, L. Wack

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

### **Collection Counters**

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

**June 2:** J. King, E. & C. Cheesman, R. Miller, J. Darrow

## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

### **The Ascension of the Lord**

Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

Jesus spoke to His Father saying: "...They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your Word is truth." This is our reminder that we are merely passing through this earth which is not our home. We are here for a short while only, and in this time that we have, we are commissioned to receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit, feed upon the Word of God, and speak the truth of His Word in the face of resistance and rejection. Jesus did not ask the Father to take us out of the world, but to keep us from the evil one. Let us be so bright with Christ that others cannot help but see the glory of the Lord in the way we live and love.