



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!

Dear Parishioners,

Well, summer is officially here. Young people are graduating; the weather is warmer; and it's time to enjoy life for a while. Life is truly what this weekend of Pentecost is all about. Pentecost - from the Greek for "50" days after the resurrection of Christ - speaks of the life-giving Holy Spirit. When is the last time you took a good look at the gifts of the Spirit and asked yourself how you are living them?

We offer our blessings to our departing 8th graders, and to all who are graduating from high school, college, and professional schools. Finding jobs is not easy, and they need our support. May the Spirit fill you with love and blessings as true witnesses of God in our world.

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

ST. MARY ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society is having a Summer Bazaar on July 25th, 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.

SAVE LIFE PROGRAM

The SAVE Life group from St. Agnes Catholic Church would like to announce their 5th Annual Community-Wide Collection for Pregnancy Helpline.

This community-wide collection will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2009 from 10am-4pm in VG's parking lot, 2400 W. Grand River in Howell.

Items needed include diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby wash, Enfamil baby formula and baby food. Also needed are pajamas and baby clothes up to size 2, baby towels and washcloths, crib sheets and baby bottles.

Pregnancy Helpline does so much in our Livingston County community. And we the SAVE Life group would like to continue to help them be successful. After all, they help so many Moms, babies, and families in need.

If you have any questions regarding this collection, please call the St. Agnes Parish office at 517-223-8684. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

RAFFLE

It's not too late to turn in your raffle tickets. There are still over **200 chances to win!!**

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, May 24, 2009:

\$25 winners – Peg Cartier, Veronica Finch, Al Orlow, John Teuber, Brenda Neirick, Todd Read, Judy Wismont

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.

KNIGHTHOOD

Children learn what we teach them. They learn best by example. It is also true about what is important in life. Concepts of charity and principles of compassion are sterling examples; then again, so are love, brotherhood, family, social responsibility, patriotism, integrity, and respect. If these abstract ideals could be instilled in our young, many, if not all, the troubles in our society would be resolved. How you live and what you stand for make a statement. The children are watching and listening. Oh, by the way they will rebel...it is their job. Just as it our job to firmly and lovingly set them straight. What is all this leading to?

KNIGHTHOOD! When you join the Knights of Columbus you make that statement about who you are and what you stand for. Your greatest cost is commitment. Commitment to Christ and all the good principles of life. Yes there are membership dues of \$2.50 a month and an opportunity to attend a monthly meeting. You will also get a chance to perform random acts of charity and help with some fundraising events as they occur. You will notice there will be dues. The rest is opportunity to participate to the extent you choose and/or whatever your particular situation in life allows. Joining does make the statement. Won't you? For more information concerning membership or transfer, call Tom at 734-878-6381 or Dale at 734-878-9454.

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 –The last Sunday Session for 08-09 will be on May 31st. ☺

- **Registration deadline for the Summer Session 2009 has been extended to Friday June 5th. If you plan on attending the Summer 2009 Session and you are up to date with your 2008-2009 Parish Contributions/Tuition/Fees please register by June 5th. No Summer Session 2009 registration will be taken after June 5th. Any questions/concerns please contact Angela in the Faith Formation/Religious Ed. Office (734-878-2217 ext 218).**
- **ALL Registration for Sunday Session 09-10 and Confirmation Preparation 09-10 (9th graders) must be completed and turned in no later than June 26th. Any questions/concerns please contact Angela in the Faith Formation/Religious Ed. Office (734-878-2217 ext 218).**
- **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 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.

- **Summer 2009 Session for Kindergarten through 8th 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.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SUMMER SESSION 2009

REGISTERED FAMILIES

† **June 15th – June 26th - 9:00am – 12:00noon.**

Please be prompt on arrival and dismissal. Students will enter and exit through the main Educational space door.

- **Please enter parking lot from the SOUTH drive proceed to the circular entrance to the main Educational entry for your child/ren to exit the car and enter the building. PLEASE leave the lot by the NORTH drive.**
 - **If you choose to park – please escort your child/ren to the building.**
 - **Dismissal is at 12 noon! Please be prompt on retrieving your child/ren.**
 - **NO children are to be unattended at anytime for entrance in the morning or dismissal in the afternoon.**
- † There will be a break/recess daily. Please send daily a *nutritious snack and a drink* with your child. **Candy and soda pop are not allowed.**
- † Students must be appropriately dressed. Shorts and skirts are to be no shorter than three inches above the knee. Shoulders, stomach, and waist for both girls and boys must be covered at all times. Therefore, no tank tops, tube tops, belly shirts, etc is allowed. ***Any student inappropriately dressed will call their parent to bring a change of appropriate attire.***
- † ***All Summer Religious Education tuition and fees must be paid in full by Friday June 19th. If unable to pay the amount by this date please contact Angela.***

Any questions/concerns please contact Angela in the Faith Formation/Religious Ed. Office (734-878-2217 ext 218).

PINCKNEY/HAMBURG COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

St. Mary Catholic Parish presents a 'Celebration of Community Pride' Festival on Sunday June 28, 2009 from 1 – 4pm, featuring a Polish Feast prepared by our own "Chef" Father Bill. We will be serving sausage, stuffed cabbage, pierogi, slaw, bread & butter, lemonade or iced tea.

The cost for each dinner is \$8.00 and advance reservations will be required.

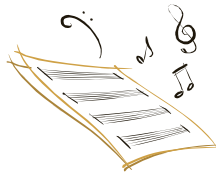
Please join in the fun at:
10601 Dexter/Pinckney Rd.

For more information please call the parish office at 734-878-3161. Reservations forms may be obtained at the St. Mary Parish Office, and must be **returned no later than June 21st.**

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

TABLE TALK by Fred Molek

- Part II



A friend from a distant land commented on last week's Table Talk. She maintains that the music she hears that won't go away is the angels singing. My question is, Are the angels sacred angels or are they secular angels? In my cranial chambers, it doesn't matter. The song is relentless.

I suggested last week that a tune-and-antidote table might be helpful in dispelling the residual songs. The approach I took was textual--e.g., "Shout from the highest mountain" could be dismissed with "Let all mortal flesh keep silent."

Here are some others:

- Item: Here, Master, in this quiet place
- Antidote: Let loud hymns of thanksgiving
- Item: The great forerunner of the morn
- Antidote: Now the day is over
- Item: Gather us in
- Antidote: Sent forth by God's blessing
- Item: Chill of the nightfall
- Antidote: When morning guilds the skies

You will note that the forced humor is a little cheesy, bordering on humor from the defunct TV show Hee-Haw. Let me expand the spectrum, and change the mood and, consequently, the message of the musical item. These examples are drawn from the secular angels' repertory.

- Item: "Dies irae, dies illa," the first section of the "Dies Irae" in Verdi's Requiem
- Antidote: "Whenever I Feel Afraid" from The King and I
- Item: "Freude schöner Gotterfunken Tochter aus Elysium," fourth movement from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony
- Antidote: "Joy is like the rain"
- Item: "Va pensiero," the song of the Hebrew slaves, from Verdi's Nabucco
- Antidote: "The Happy Wanderer"
- Item: Overture to Candide by Leonard Bernstein
- Antidote: "Simple Song" from Mass by Leonard Bernstein
- Item: "Wachet auf!" (Sleepers, wake!) from the cantata of the same name by J. S. Bach
- Antidote: "Reveille," bugle call played in the morning at camp
- Item: "Mars, the Bringer of War" from The Planets by Gustav Holst
- Antidote: "Let It Be" by the Beatles
- Item: The "Storm" section from The William Tell Overture by Rossini
- Antidote: "Joy Is like the Rain"
- Item: "Thunder and Lightening" (Donner und blitzen) Chorus from the St. Matthew Passion by J. S. Bach
- Antidote: "Joy Is like the Rain"

The only one of these pairs I've tried out is the storm from the William Tell Overture/ "Joy Is like the Rain." It sort of worked, but the storm made a quick comeback. A bilingual reader of "TableTalk" offers an antidote to dispel any known song in Western music. He suggests "Feliz Navidad" by Jose Feliciano. Miraculously' it worked. The annoying tune

disappeared after only a few bars. The relief was short-lived. Does anyone know an antidote to "Feliz Navidad"?

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.

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.

<u>Report for</u> <u>May 26, 2009</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> <u>07/01/08-05/26/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 11,678.26	\$ 679,539.90
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 996.20	\$ 119,580.33
	\$ 12,674.46	\$ 799,120.23
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 684,576.86
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 398,236.26
Variance	\$ (10,356.26)	\$ (283,692.89)

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 12th to Kathleen 734-657-7750

Youth Ministry

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

Confirmation Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
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:
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
06/12	7:00-10:30pm	Swing Into Summer Dance Party
06/24	TBD	Cedar Point!

*****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



SWING INTO SUMMER DANCE PARTY! JUNE 12, 2009
St. Mary Gym 7:00-10:30 PM
All fall 2009 8-12th 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.

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 June 3, 2009!**

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 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 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.

TEACHERS NEEDED

The parish school at St. Thomas Aquinas, East Lansing, is seeking energetic, qualified candidates for teaching positions during the 2009 - 10 school year. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, an up-to-date resume, a summary of their qualifications, and a list of references.

At this time the teaching opportunities for next year are:
"Highly Qualified" classroom teacher in the lower elementary grades (K-4)

"Highly Qualified" teacher of mathematics in the middle school

"Highly Qualified" teacher of literature and the language arts in the middle school

All applications may be sent to:

Mrs. Jane Bilas, Principal
St. Thomas Aquinas School
915 Alton Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

CHORAL ROSARY

A special Choral Rosary service will be held at Resurrection parish in Lansing on Saturday, June 13, at 8:00pm. The service will be led by the Church of the Resurrection parish choir, under the direction of William Rowan. During the Rosary, the choir will sing several pieces from the treasury of sacred music, including works by Palestrina, Tallis, Bach, Arcadelt, and Rowan. The Rosary itself will be sung to Gregorian Chant psalm tones. All are welcome to take part in this profound hour of prayer.

MASS INTENTIONS – May 31 – June 7

Sunday, May 31

9:00am: For Our Parish

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

Monday, June 1 – St. Justin

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, June 2 – Ss. Marcellinus & Peter

9:00am: Communion Service

****6:00pm:** (8th Grade Graduation Mass)

In Memory of Ron Bozek by Men's Club

Wednesday, June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga & his companions

9:00am: In Memory of Al Hoard by Bill & Debbie Backlund

Thursday, June 4

9:00am: In Memory of William Loop by Pisaneschi Family

Friday, June 5 – St. Boniface

9:00am: In Memory of Joan Monforton by Norb Rickelmann

Saturday, June 6 – St. Norbert

8:30am: In Memory of Dorothy Wetherbee

By Chuck & Nell Naylor

****Please note: there will NOT be confessions today!**

5:00pm: In Memory of Bob Vedder by Marie Beard

Sunday, June 7 - The Most Holy Trinity

9:00am: In Honor of Joe Miller by Family

11:30am: For Our Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

June 1-2: J. Wilson, G. Wizgird

June 8-9: D. Denome, B. Rea

WEEKLY READINGS – May 31 – June 6

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Ps 104

Monday: Tb 1: 3; 2:1a-8/Mk 12:1-12/Ps 112

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17/Ps 112

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12: 18-27/Ps 25

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34/Ps 128

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Mk 12:35-37/Ps 146

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Mk 12:38-44/Ps (Tb 13)

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Tom Butler, Sr. Gretchen Elliott, Robert Gibson, Rachel Good, Sally Kelly, Linda Landau, Patricia Lichwala, Chuck Murphy, Sharon Reynolds, Margaret Tucker, Cyndra Wilson

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

LAY MINISTERS – June 6 - 7

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: S. Cowdrey, D. Cowdrey, P. O'Brien, M. Andrus, R. Andrus, D. Harris, J. Harris, I. Liddy, R. Miller

9:00am: P. Hohl, J. Bartek, R. Bartek, G. Wizgird, P.

Dzombak, D. Hall, M. Willacker, L. Barba, R. Bartkovich

11:30am: L. Abbott, A. Storemski, B. Storemski, L. Frendt, B. Frendt, J. Mueller, K. Mueller, K. Peavyhouse, J. Streu

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: D. Schroeder, M. Bergeron

9:00am: D. Leonard, S. Wild

11:30am: D. Wise, D. Wise

Ushers

5:00pm: P. Carney, R. Denome, T. Kenny, P. Meilak, B. Outwater

9:00am: J. Frost, J. Muller, T. Wilson, J. Polich, N. Rickelmann, B. Wetzel

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

Greeters

5:00pm: J. Carney

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

11:30am: W. Brown

Altar Servers

5:00pm: C. O'Brien (Cross), J. Nickels, J. Nickels

9:00am: A. Claffey (Cross), S. Polich, C. Polich

11:30am: A. Boote (Cross), P. Rutkowski, M. Schmidt

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Slotnick Family

9:00am: Turner Family

11:30am: Boote Family

Home Chalice Program

11:30am: Shannon Family

Linens - June: J. Helmboldt, L. Wack

Cleaning the Altar – June: J. Helmboldt

Collection Counters

June 1: J. King, E. & C. Cheesman, R. Miller, J. Darrow

June 8: M. Sheehan, N. Rickelmann, H. Menosky

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Pentecost Sunday

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?

Jesus said to His apostles and He says to us: "As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." This is stewardship. Let us bask in the strength of the Holy Spirit – available to us all, to continue the work of the Lord in our families, work places, schools, Church, and every corner of our lives.