



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate Independence Day this weekend, we remember all of the hard work and sacrifice people gave to create our country. In many ways, I think of the dedication and sacrifice people from our parish put into last week's festival to make it what it was and to declare who we are. This weekend, I ask God's blessings upon our country and on our parish. I thank all of you for your excellent work and community spirit.

May this summer find you resting and relaxing and enjoying our beautiful state.

Love and prayers,
Fr. Bill

RAFFLE

It's not too late to turn in your raffle tickets. Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday June 28, 2009:

- \$1,000 winner- Gloria Laczynski
- \$25 winners-
 - Vince Stahl
 - Bob Mefford
 - Sue Cowdrey
 - The Wack Family
 - Mary Freeman
 - Rose & Gene Dziadon
 - Michael Gwizdala

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

My church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled,
if I help fill them.

It will do great work,
if I work.

It will bring other people into its worship
and fellowship,
if I invite them and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
and a Church with noble spirit,
if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these many things.

Therefore, with the help of God,
I shall dedicate myself to the task
Of being all the things that
I want my church to be.

'Muchas Gracias' My St. Mary Family

A sincere thank you goes out to ALL of my St. Mary Family for your love, support, generosity, and well wishes! This past weekend was truly amazing with my Farewell Reception, our Community Festival, and the many, many hugs, kind words, and support that you gave me. Thank you to all those who helped make my Farewell Reception a beautiful experience with an opportunity for me to say 'good-bye' to all of you! Also, much gratitude goes to all those who donated towards my 'Farewell Gift', which was a cruise. I think I am still in shock, that your love and generosity is providing a cruise for me. WOW!!! (I will keep you informed on my plans for this wonderful gift.) Most importantly thank you for your love over the 12 years and the blessing to be part of our St. Mary Family. Know that I may be living in Kansas City but be assured that you all have a special place in my heart along with prayers of gratitude. I promise that I will return to visit my St. Mary Family. Please, let us keep in touch.

With much love and gratitude your sister in Christ – Angela

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God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America,
My home, sweet home.

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My home, sweet home.



RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic? Have you ever invited another to explore the Catholic Faith? For more details about this process, please call the Parish Office at 734-878-3161.

Faith Formation Information

- **ALL Registration for Sunday Session 09-10 and Confirmation Preparation 09-10 (9th graders) must be completed and turned in no later than August 7th. Any questions/concerns please contact the Faith Formation/Religious Ed. Office (734-878-2217).**
- **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 the Faith Formation Office – 734-878-2217.**

Forms Needed for Registration

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

SUMMER SCRIPTURE DAYS

The 16th Annual Summer Scripture Days are scheduled for August 11 – 13, 2009 in Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Rev. Dwight Ezop will present “The Gospel of John, Ch. 1 thru 10”. Brochures and registration information are available by contacting Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465.

POST ABORTION RECOVERY GROUP

Begin your journey of healing on July 13th, 2009. This group is confidential and held in a private place in Livingston County by a trained facilitator. A more convenient day and time can be arranged, please call Pregnancy Helpline@ 810-494-5433, and ask for Joan. Email preghelp@sbcglobal.net

UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING

The 8th Annual Day of Caring is Wednesday, August 19, 2009. The Day of Caring is an event where volunteers from across Livingston County come together on one day and lend their skills and time to help local non-profit organizations and individuals in need of assistance.

The Day of Caring is a tremendous day for our community, for those who receive assistance, and for the hundreds of volunteers who work to improve the lives of others.

Sign up to volunteer for either a morning or afternoon shift! Recruit neighbors and friends, and work together as a team. Please contact the Livingston County United Way at 810-494-3000 for more information about the Day of Caring -or- if you wish to nominate an organization or individual! You may also visit our website: www.lcunitedway.org

ATTENTION SENIORS

St. Joseph, Howell, is having a tour to Our Lady of Consolation Basilica National Shrine in Carey, Ohio, on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. The tour departs at 7:30am and returns at 6:00pm. Cost for this trip is \$45.00. For reservations and information please contact: Rosemary Ruby at 517-545-3153.

3rd Annual B-A-R Memorial Golf Outing

(Barbara Ann Robson)

Benefiting Ovarian Cancer Research
at University of Michigan

Date: Saturday, July 11, 2009

Place: Reddeman Farms Golf Club

Time: 7am Registration, 7:30am Coffee & Rolls,
8am Shotgun Start

Cost per player: \$100 (includes cart, golf, coffee & rolls, lunch at the turn, drinks, dinner, & prizes)

- Field limited to the first 40 teams
- Hole sponsorship signs available at \$75
- Contact Mike at 734-475-3020 or 734-216-0506
- All proceeds will be donated to the University of Michigan Ovarian Cancer Research.
- Donations will be accepted.

BLOOD DRIVE

**St. Mary's Annual Blood Drive
will be held on Thursday, July 16th
from 1pm to 6:45pm in the multi-use room.
Please donate if you are able!**

<u>Report for</u> <u>June 29, 2009</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> <u>07/01/08–6/29/09</u>
Offertory	\$ 13,225.26	\$ 748,885.22
FaithScape/FaithQuest	\$ 840.50	\$ 125,483.77
	\$ 14,065.76	\$ 874,368.99
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 14,373.41	\$ 756,443.91
Mortgage Pymt Reqmnt	\$ 8,657.31	\$ 441,522.81
Variance	\$ (8,964.96)	\$ (323,597.73)

Thank you for your generous donations!

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

Youth Ministry

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

Remember: *Jesus doesn't take a Summer Vacation so, STAY CONNECTED and continue to grow spiritually and in communion with our parish family!*

HS Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
07/08	6:30pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
07/9-10	TBD	Basic Youth Ministry Training
07/10	7-10pm	Friday Night Party
07/15		NO Youth Group
07/22	6:30pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
07/24	1:00pm-4:00pm	HS Youth Olympics
07/25	TBD	Altar Society Bazaar (Serve and Sell)
07/29	6:30pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
08/05		NO Youth Group
08/09-15	TBD	Rummage Sale

If you have an questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org



High School Youth Summer Olympics!

Will the record for the Marshmallow Challenge be broken? What will be

IN the balloons this year?

Take the HS Summer Olympic Challenge and find out!

DATE: July 24, 2009

TIME: 1:00-5:00 PM

PLACE: St. Mary Grounds by Gym.

ENTRY FEE: PRAYER! You'll need it 😊

Middle School Youth Group!

Middle School Youth Group regular meetings will resume in the fall. But, here are some exciting summer activities!

07/10	7-10pm	Friday Night Party
07/24	8:30pm-10:30pm	OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!
07/25	TBD	Altar Society Bazaar (Serve and Sell)
08/09-15	TBD	Rummage Sale
08/21	TBD	MS Youth Olympics

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions!



WHAT AN OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH?

SERIOUSLY? YEP,

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ROCK!

Join other 6-8th grade youth for a night under the stars both Hollywood and Celestial! **The movie will be announced soon. Time: 8:30-10:30pm. Admission: Beverage to Share. Place: The Most Hip Place in Town- St. Mary Grounds! (Whoa! "Hold the Phone!" Seriously Rebecca, "Hip?" Check the decade!)**

And The Winner Is... Thank you to all who bought tickets for our annual quilt raffle. The winner of the quilt was **Renee Rondeau**, Mother/Grandmother of the Boote Family. **Kathy Peavyhouse** won the Baptismal Garment. Congratulations to both winners and a special thank you to Sandy Keiser and Jan Hollister for making and finishing the quilt and gown!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!



The annual

RUMMAGE SALE

is on its way!

We will start collecting your treasures August 10th and 11th from 9:30am – 7:00pm. The sale runs August 12-15th. We cannot take the following items: **Furniture, televisions, records/tapes, curtain rods, trophies, hard cover books, shoes/boots, infant car seats.**

PART-TIME HELP WANTED

Livingston County Catholic Social Services has an opening for a part-time receptionist, 12-18 hours a week. Applicant must have computer knowledge and be flexible. Send resume to: 2020 E. Grand River, Ste. 104, Howell, MI 48843. Fax: 517-545-7390 or e-mail to: lcass@sbcglobal.net

PINCKNEY PRO-LIFE

Pinckney Pro-Life will be publishing the second edition of the 2009 "Friends of Life" pro-life business directory. The deadline is fast approaching. The advertising in our directory has increased by 100% since last years' publication with even more categories. We are now offering free advertising to businesses interested in advertising in our directory. Business owners are welcome to purchase a display ad if they wish, but are not required to do so to qualify for the free listing. To take advantage of this free offer, please contact Pinckney Pro-Life at (734) 426-4740 before the July 17th deadline.

This directory is distributed to churches and pro-life groups throughout Southeastern Michigan. Please look for this directory to support those who boldly support life!

AVE MARIA MASS & BBQ

All are invited to a "Summer Barbeque with the Founder" featuring special guest and Founder of Ave Maria University, Thomas S. Monaghan, Chancellor of Ave Maria University, Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Domino Farms EBA Café, Lobby H Level One. Come hear exciting AMU updates, testimonies from AMU students and see the vision on how educating our youth for success will have a positive impact on the future of our Church and society. Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. with the BBQ and presentation to follow- mass, dinner, and presentation all in the EBA Café. The cost of the dinner is \$10 per person but FREE for High School age youth! RSVP by Monday, July 20, to (734) 930-3435 or email: marita.ladosensky@avemaria.edu.



Losing a job is one of the most stressful events that can happen to a person. It feels personal even when it is part of a mass corporate layoff or the closing of a business. Involuntary unemployment evokes a lot of emotions, from anger to sadness. It is easy to become depressed. Grief over the loss of part of one's identity or purpose is common. The difficulty of the experience can depend on the degree of emotional investment one had in the job. The aftermath of job loss also has a significant impact on family members, who are dealing with their own fears and other concerns. If you (or a family member) has lost a job and are dealing with the transition it brings, you can request a BeFriender to be a companion on your journey. BeFrienders provide a listening presence that is respectful and nonjudgmental. To request a BeFriender, call the parish office at 734-878-3161.

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

Upcoming retreats at the St. Francis Retreat in DeWitt.

When the Honeymoon is Over – a retreat for Married Couples, Friday – Sunday, July 24-26 at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Facilitated by Fr. Tom McDevitt and Jim and Maureen Zelba. A weekend for all married couples, an opportunity to renew and deepen the commitment you made to each other. Prayer time, reflection opportunity, and presentations will be the retreat format. The cost is \$235/couple, a \$50 non-refundable deposit due upon registration. You may register by calling the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or online at www.stfrancis.ws Please register by Friday, July 17.

Surprised by the Times: A Faith Response - a retreat designed to address the spiritual, emotional and contemplative needs of single women and men. Friday – Sunday, July 24-26 at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Facilitated by Fr. Larry Delaney, Elaine Wurm, Mary-Therese Courtade and Dean Welte. This retreat provides an opportunity to slow the pace of your life, to seek the right questions and listen for the answers. The cost is \$135, a \$25 non-refundable deposit is due upon registration. You may register by calling the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or online at www.stfrancis.ws Please register by Friday, July 17.

DIRECTED RETREAT

Monday-Sunday, July 13-19
A quiet retreat with the availability of daily spiritual direction and liturgy, co-sponsored by the Dominican Center for Religious Development and St. Francis Retreat Center. You may register by calling the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or online at www.stfrancis.ws

REFLECT

Friday-Sunday, August 14-16
A weekend for single adults, mid-30's to 50 for renewal and growth in your relationships with God, family, and friends. Cost is \$130 per person. You may register by calling the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or online at www.stfrancis.ws

Then & Now – Jesus – Full of Surprises

Our 2009 Weekend Retreat for Men & Women. Just as we never fully know and appreciate Mozart, know and appreciate Shakespeare, NEVER will we fully know and appreciate Jesus Christ. A lifetime of study and prayer leaves us on the threshold. Why? Because Jesus, "has an unending capacity to surprise us and to be always new." *Timothy Radcliffe, o.p.* Come to the retreat to be surprised, lured and touched by this wondrous Jesus who invites us to be more deeply His partner and His friend. Offered 21 weekends throughout the year, Friday – Sunday. Please call for dates. Suggested donation \$135.

MASS INTENTIONS –July 5 - 12

Sunday, July 5 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: In Memory of Tom Olst by Olst Family

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, July 6- St. Maria Goretti

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, July 7

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: NO MASS

Wednesday, July 8

9:00am: NO MASS

Thursday, July 9 – St. Augustine Zhao Rong

9:00am: In Memory of Dorothy Wetherbee

By Ed & Celeste Cheesman

Friday, July 10

9:00am: In Memory of Patrick Regan

By John & Burnadette Birdwall

Saturday, July 11 – St. Benedict

8:30am: In Honor of Marion Mayer by Mayer Family

5:00pm: In Memory of Don Trefney by Pringle Family

Sunday, July 12 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Ron Bozek by Men's Club

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

July 6-7: D. Denome, G. Wizzgird

July 13-14: B. Rea, J. Wilson

WEEKLY READINGS –July 5 - 11

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a/Ps 123

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26/Ps 91

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38/Ps 17

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7/Ps 33

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15/Ps 105

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23/Ps 37

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33/Ps 105

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Ron Bartek, Jennifer Brough, Rachel Campbell, Ed Cheesman, Fred Czaja, Marie Denome, David Dudek, Sr. Gretchen Elliott, Mike Hardin, Linda Landau, Chuck Murphy, Christine Osmialowski, Sharon Reynolds, Eugene Sobolewski, David Tucker, Margaret Tucker, Cyndra Wilson

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend as we celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

LAY MINISTERS – July 11 – 12

ATTENTION: Lay Ministers

The new Lay Ministry Schedule is available as of 6/6/09. This schedule begins on the weekend of 6/27-28/09 and extends through the 10/24-25/09 weekend.

Eucharistic Ministers will be **SELF SCHEDULING** throughout this 16 week period. So if you are a Eucharistic Minister you will not need a Lay Ministry Schedule but you will need the top sheet that **EXPLAINS HOW YOU CAN SCHEDULE YOURSELF TO SERVE AS A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER.**

Keep using the same Liturgical Ministry Roster. It is only updated annually and so the one you received last fall is still active. If you are a new Lay Minister or if you have misplaced your Liturgical Ministry Roster you can get one from the Parish Office. You will need the phone number listing if you have to find a substitute. Blessings on all who are serving our faith community as Lay Ministers!

Thanks, Peggy Clough

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: Please sign up before the Mass you want to serve.

9:00am: Please sign up before the Mass you want to serve.

11:30am: Please sign up before the Mass you want to serve.

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: S. Jasinski, L. Lichwala

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

11:30am: L. Nickels, Z. Jones

Ushers

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

B. Outwater, T. Kenny

9:00am: J. Muller, T. Wilson, D. Aten, J. Frost, J. Polich,

R. Kuczajda

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

J. Streu, B. Tinlin

Greeters

5:00pm: R. Denome

9:00am: D. Magier

11:30am: H. & J. Jarvis

Altar Servers

5:00pm: P. Moenart (Cross), J. Wing, A. Jasinski

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

11:30am: J. Glaser (Cross), T. Jones, L. Yahr

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Doug & Heather Schultz & Family

11:30am: Tom & Jennifer Kramer & Family

Home Chalice Program

11:30am: Tom & Jennifer Kramer & Family

Linens - July: R. Miller, M. Sheehan

Cleaning the Altar – July: Eileen Avery

Collection Counters

July 6: J. King, E. Cheesman, C. Cheesman, R. Miller, J. Darrow

July 13: M. Sheehan, N. Rickelmann, H. Menosky