



Dear Parishioners,

Although we've had a few nice days, the weather this summer feels like we've been barreling through the calendar without fully getting in our summer. Nevertheless, take time to relax and travel. Often people on vacation will want to skip church or not make the effort necessary to get where one can worship. Honestly, going to church on vacation is one of the best things we can do. Not only does it give us a fresh perspective on our own parish, it also makes us realize how blessed we are to have such things. A hundred years ago, only the rich took "holidays." Now thanks to labor unions and the Church's social justice teaching, vacations are for all classes. It's a part of the Sabbath break that God places throughout the Old Testament. Enjoy them and take time to thank God for them.

Have a blessed week,
Fr. Bill

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Community of Pinckney and Hamburg,

St. Mary's Catholic Parish would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Organizing Committee, the hundreds of volunteers and especially the patrons of the "Pinckney/Hamburg Community Festival". Our own Father Bill, the driving force behind the event, stressed from the beginning that this was not a fund raiser for the Parish but rather a Celebration of Community Pride. We were inviting the surrounding community to share in fun, fellowship and pride. All efforts were made to control the prices charged to the Festival goers, being especially mindful of the current economic conditions affecting our area. Due to hard work, talented performers and the enthusiastic support of our incredible community the Parish was able to realize a net profit of \$500!

As it was stressed from the beginning this event was a Celebration of our Community. It is a pride in who we are and where we live and that was never more evident than the support we received at this Festival. Therefore it is our privilege, no our honor, to be able to send a \$250 check to Gleaner's Food Bank and a \$250 to Love Inc. Food Bank, in behalf of Pinckney/ Hamburg Community to help those in our community that truly need our assistance. Thank-you for letting us be a part of something so special.

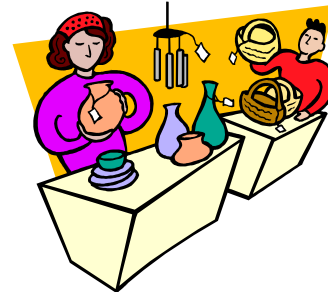
In God's Love,
St. Mary's Festival Committee

LANSING LUGNUTS TICKETS

Tickets for the July 31st baseball game may be picked up next weekend at all Masses & at the Bazaar on Saturday, July 25th. There are a limited number of tickets still available for sale. Contact Kevin Schang @734-878-6902 for more information.

Craft Bazaar

**Saturday, July 25, 2009, from 10am-4pm
In the Multi-Use Room**



FREE ADMISSION

**Presented by St. Mary Rosary Altar Society
For Information Contact
Mary Press at 734-878-6563**

RAFFLE

It's not too late to turn in your raffle tickets. Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, July 12, 2009

\$25 winners:

- Joe Miller
- Curt Knudson
- Brenda Machowicz
- Tammy Deakin
- Mary Ellen Mulcrone
- Penny Dec
- Bob & Dolores Denome

***A Prayer for Priests
and Priestly Vocations***

*Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.
(In Celebration of 'The Year of the Priest')*

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)

YOUNG ADULT MASS & PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 19

Come on out to Independence Lake for Mass and a picnic with young adults from around the Diocese. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones!

Check out the details & RSVP on

Facebook - LivingstonYAM

or email Shannon at LivingstonYAM@gmail.com

LIVINGSTON YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY CORE TEAM...is growing!

Don't miss out on your chance to be on the cutting edge of this exciting new opportunity! If you are 18 - 35 and looking for a way to energize your faith, meet new people and serve others, contact Shannon on **Facebook - LivingstonYAM** or LivingstonYAM@gmail.com.

Attention: Mid-life Singles

If you are looking to grow in your faith life, meet new friends, and feel like you belong, a **REFLECT** Singles Retreat is for you!

Singles (ages mid-30s to mid-50s): register today for a life-changing weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Mich. (10 mi. north of Lansing) on August 14-16, 2009. Cost is just \$135, which covers meals, lodging, and materials.

Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Call 989-450-0993, visit www.reflectsingles.com, or e-mail us at reflectsingles@yahoo.com for more details.

A GREAT SUMMER EVENT FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES!

Bring the entire family (or come by yourself) to enjoy an outdoor Mass, Praise and Worship music, Eucharistic Procession, Confessions, lunch, and a scavenger hunt! It's the **Third Annual Catholic Family Day** at the Bread of Life Retreat Residence in Ann Arbor on Saturday, August 1st from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Further details are available at www.eucharisticlife.org. The suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$30 per family includes a hot dog lunch. Please call 734/332-9733 to register. Walk-ins welcomed.

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.

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.

FULL-TIME DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Michael Parish is seeking a full-time Director of Religious Education. Responsibilities include religious education and formation for grades 1-8, sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, and coordination of Children's Liturgy of the Word. Seeking a faith-filled Catholic with related educational background and experience, along with gifts of collaboration and creativity. Position description available at www.stmichaelgl.org. Please submit resume with cover letter by July 29 to: DRE Search Committee, St. Michael Parish, 345 Edwards Street, Grand Ledge, MI 48837, or by email to jameseisele@stmichaelgl.org.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

What: Old Fashioned Picnic Benefit

When: Friday, July 31st from 5pm -8pm

Where: Trinity Lutheran Church, 5758 West M-36, Pinckney

Menu: Roast Pig, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob,

Watermelon with Games & Fun for the whole family

The Benefit is for Allison Corcoran of Gregory, MI. A mother of two young daughters that was diagnosed with breast cancer in September of 2008, and recently completed her treatment. Proceeds from this event will assist with costs not covered by insurance. If you would like to donate and can't attend, please send your donation to above address, made out to: Trinity Ladies Posse ('Allison' in the memo). 100% of all proceeds go to help the Corcoran family with costs from breast cancer treatment.

Acoustic Music Jam

Friday, July 24, 2009, from 7-11pm

at Holy Spirit Church Hamburg

(corner of Winans Lake and Musch Rds.)

Call Marie at 810-923-3179 for more information

RUMMAGE SALE

St. John Catholic Church, M-59 at Hacker Road, Howell

Rummage Sale Pre-Sale Day:

Wednesday, August 19 – 6pm to 9pm

\$ 10.00 Admission Charge

(\$5.00 of your admission will go toward your purchase)

Rummage Sale Dates (Free Admission):

Thursday, August 20 - 8am to 6pm

Friday, August 21 – 8am to 6pm

Saturday, August 22 – 8am to 10am

IN CONCERT...

Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, 9565 Musch Rd. Brighton, will present Michael John Poirier in an afternoon of songs, prayers and real-life stories. Come join us on Sunday, August 2, at 2 pm when the singer/songwriter will set an atmosphere for people of all faiths where one can imagine God telling us how much He cherishes us. Singing publicly since the age of 14, Poirier pursued a career in pop music for several years before he began to put his prayers to music. He has spent the past 20 years spreading the message of God's infinite love and timeless mercy, recording thirteen CDs, offering parish missions and concerts. His music filled presentation focuses on God's Mercy and forgiveness, sharing from personal experience the miracles that enter one's life when you open yourself to God.

This music, storytelling, and prayer event is a time for young and old, singles and families. A free will offering will be taken in lieu of admission. For more information contact Holy Spirit parish office at 810-231-9199.

BLOOD DRIVE

Pinckney Masonic Temple, Saturday, July 25th

10:15am to 4:00pm

(Must be at least 17 years old, be in general good health, weigh at least 110 lbs, and have a photo ID.)

DIVORCE & BEYOND

Have you experienced a divorce? Or, are you currently in the process of seeking a divorce? Do you know someone that is going through a divorce? Or, who has gone through a divorce but is still wrestling with the social, spiritual or psychological aspects of the divorce?

Divorce and Beyond is for people who are already divorced or have filed for divorce. It examines what happens to most spouses going through marital breakup. It helps participants understand what they are going through and that others have gone through the same things. Finally, it suggests activities for making divorce a growth experience.

WHEN: Friday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30pm

September 18 – November 20, 2009

WHERE: St. Mary Magdalen

2201 Old U.S. – 23, Brighton

REGISTRATION: Sr. Maryetta Churches, 810-229-8624

FACILITATORS: Deacon Jim Chevalier & Sr. Maryetta Churches, of St. Mary Magdalen & Mark T. Robinson, of Livingston County Catholic Social Services

There is a \$10.00 fee for the program materials and we are not able to provide child care at this time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Are you having trouble choosing a gift for that someone special? You could consider having a Mass Intention in their honor. We also offer Mass Intentions for those loved ones who are deceased. There is no better way to show our love for someone than to offer our prayers for them. Please give our parish office a call at 734-878-3161 if interested in this unique gift.

Report for July 12, 2009

Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> 07/01/09 – 07/12/09
Offertory	\$ 12,612.64	\$ 26,462.54
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 2,889.89
	\$ 13,740.64	\$ 29,352.43

Thank you for your generous donations!



Have the kids moved back home after being out on their own? Are elderly parents developing needs for more assistance? Are you feeling overwhelmed from pressures for helping parents & children? Share your concerns with someone who cares, someone who would like to lend a listening ear. Call the parish office for a referral to Befriender Ministry!

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



**Got Stuff?
The Youth
Group will be
accepting
donations for
their annual
rummage sale**

August 10-11th!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS! The annual rummage is on its way! We will start collecting your treasures August 10 and 11th from 9:30am – 7:00pm. The sale runs Aug. 12-15th. We cannot take the following items: **Furniture, televisions, records/tapes, curtain rods, trophies, hard cover books, shoes/boots, and infant car seats.**

Youth Ministry

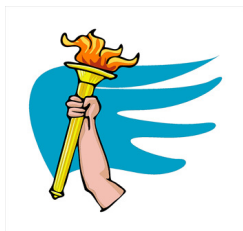
Website: <http://youth.stmarypinckney.org/>

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:
07/22	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!

07/24	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: 8:30-11:30pm. Admission: Beverage to Share. Place: The Most Hip Place in Town- St. Mary Grounds!** (Whoa! "Hold the Phone!" Seriously Rebecca, "Hip?" Check the decade!)

LOST & FOUND

Umbrella: "Aramis" umbrella borrowed a few months ago from the coat rack. Please return to office, sentimental value of a deceased friend.

Money Clip: Lost on grounds during the festival weekend.

Girls Purse: Found in church.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS – July 19 - 26

Sunday, July 19 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, July 20 – St. Apollinaris

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, July 21 – St. Lawrence of Brindisi

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Memory of Patricia Lichwala by Family

Wednesday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene

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

Thursday, July 23 – St. Bridget of Sweden

9:00am: In Honor of Joe & Ruth Miller

By Delores Piqua

Friday, July 24 – St. Sharbel Makhluf

9:00am: In Honor of Mrs. Gina Aten by Mrs. Joan Weber

Saturday, July 25 – St. James

8:30am: In Honor of Angela Garcia by Ann Mathews

5:00pm: In Honor of the Workers of the R.A.S. Craft Bazaar

Sunday, July 26 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Al Hoard by Men's Club

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

July 20-21: D. Denome, D. Hall

July 27-28: B. Rea, T. Burke

WEEKLY READINGS – July 19 - 25

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34/Ps 23

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42/Ps (Ex 15)

Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/Mt 12:46-50/Ps (Ex 15)

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18/Ps 63

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17/Ps (Dn 3)

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23/Ps 19

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28/Ps 126

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Ron Bartek, Jennifer Brough, Rachel Campbell, Celeste Cheesman, Ed Cheesman, Fred Czaja, Marie Denome, David Dudek, Mike Hardin, Linda Landau, Christine Osmialowski, Eugene Sobolewski, David Tucker

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus says to His apostles and to us: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." In a time where we are overextended, over stressed, and keeping schedules much too hectic, we are reminded of the importance of going off alone for rest in the Lord. We cannot give out of an empty well. We must fill ourselves first and then we can give to others. Jesus, Himself, often went off alone to pray and be with His Father. We need that same spiritual rest and renewal; time away with our Heavenly Father and Lord. As we consider stewardship, let us remember that giving of our first fruits to the Lord is the best act of Stewardship. From that offering all else flows.

LAY MINISTERS – July 25 - 26

ATTN: Eucharistic Ministers

You will **NOW** be **SELF SCHEDULING** when you want to serve our St. Mary's Parish Community as an Eucharistic Minister. Don't forget to check in Meeting Room A as you come to Mass each week to see if you are needed to serve at the Mass that is about to start. Thank you for your willingness to serve and for trying this new system during the next few months.

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: D. Denome, K. Schang

9:00am: J. Bartek, D. Leonard

11:30am: T. Burke, R. Kalis

Ushers

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

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: J. Carney

9:00am: Kuczajda Family

11:30am: W. Brown

Altar Servers

5:00pm: C. O'Brien (Cross), J. Peltier, L. Jasinski

9:00am: T. Redpath (Cross), G. Redpath, R. Menosky

11:30am: B. Schmitter (Cross), J. Schmitter, A. Sullivan

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Dobis Family

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

9:00am: Dobis Family

Linens - July: R. Miller, M. Sheehan

Cleaning the Altar – July: Eileen Avery

Collection Counters

July 20: M. Glynn, M. Ulman, R. Layman

July 27: S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!