



## Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

Fall is quickly approaching! The deadline for Religious Education and Confirmation has passed. If you missed it please contact Rebecca Keiser immediately.

**Classes Start soon!**

**Religious Education K-8: September 13, 2009**

**Confirmation: September 27, 2009**

**All Class times are from 10:20 am-11:20 am.**

**Please be prompt; we only have 1 hour of class time!**

Are you called to be a catechist or classroom helper this year for religious education or Sacramental prep? It takes the gifts of many to help pass on our faith. No gift is too small. Please consider what gifts you are called to give to help continue Christ's mission. Contact Rebecca Keiser at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

### LAY MINISTRY SERVICE FOR COMING YEAR

As Father Bill reminds us, we are in the dog days of summer with Fall waiting right around the corner. Its time to discern that call to serve your parish in the role of Eucharistic Minister, Proclaimer of the Word, Greeter, or Usher. Training dates are scheduled for Saturday, September 12 (following 8:30 mass) and Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. We'll need new registration forms completed at that time. The new schedule will take effect October 31.

If you have questions about what is involved in these ministries, please call Beth Corwin at 517-518-0703 or email [bethcorwin@yahoo.com](mailto:bethcorwin@yahoo.com) We invite your involvement in these ministries and look forward to helping you be, "all the things I want my church to be."

*Virtus: Protecting God's Children*

**Training sessions will be held:**

**September 10, 2009, from 6:30-9:30pm**  
**September 12, 2009, from 9:00am-12:00pm**

**Adults working or volunteering with children and/or young people are required to complete the training. It is also a great awareness program for families. Safe environments are a necessity. Pre-registration is necessary so please register online at <http://www.virtus.org/virtus/> or contact Rebecca at 734-878-2217, ext 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)**

### ATTN: ROSARY MAKERS

Meetings will resume on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. For further information please contact Mauvis Sheehan at 734-878-9645.

Dear Parishioners,

**Many important things to note!!!**

1) **Labor Day:** For over 100 years the Catholic Church has celebrated work as a gift from God and a right of human dignity. The Church's official teaching is that all people have a right to dignified work, equality in pay, and the right to organize labor unions as needed. We also stress the importance of time off from work to give just due to God, family and self. Enjoy this holiday as it was meant to be in our Catholic tradition.

2) **Welcome to Fr. Bosco** who is doing a mission appeal for his diocese this weekend. Since he has been working among us in the Diocese of Lansing, I have always found him to be kind, sincere, intelligent, and most welcoming. Give him the great Pinckney welcome at which you are so good in doing.

3) **Theme for the year:** Last year our school and parish's "theme" was "Manners Matter." Truly, this continues and needs to be reinforced. **Our "theme" for this year is "A Servant's Heart."** By this we stress that what we do as Catholic Christians - in terms of kindness, support, aid, and stewardship - is not because we expect to get something back from it! It is simply because it is what we are supposed to do!!! Our service is an imitation of Jesus, not a means to better ourselves or our financial goals. When we serve our parish and our community, it is because we are doing what is right. We are reminded of Jesus' teaching in Luke 17:30, "So you also, when you have done all that is commanded of you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

One of those "unworthy servants" this summer has been Dick Cowdrey who has greatly assisted our reduced maintenance staff and reorganized our garage. Well done "unworthy servant!" May we all have - and pass on to our young people and children - a spirit of a servant's heart this year.

4) Last but not least, I will be teaching an adult education course for our parish - **CAFE - Catholic Adult Faith Education** on the following Thursdays this fall: Sept 10, 24; Oct. 8, 22, 29; Nov. 5.

Our Topic will be "**How the Church Thinks Morally.**" Please mark your calendars now. More information will follow.

5) I'm in Iron Mountain, MI - way up there! - doing a wedding this weekend.

Peace and prayers,  
Fr. Bill Wegher



**ANNOUNCING:  
The St. Mary  
Day Care & Latchkey  
Programs**

Beginning this school year St. Mary will offer Day Care for 3 to 5-year-olds and Latchkey for school-aged children. Many parents have expressed interest in having both of 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 Day Care Program will provide parents several care options for their preschool-age child. Children DO NOT need to be enrolled in St. Mary Preschool in order to take advantage of the Day Care Program. The program fees will be assessed by the day or session to give parents the flexibility that fits their busy schedule. For example, Morning Friends preschoolers can be cared for through the afternoon in the daycare classroom. Afternoon Friends children can also come early in the morning and transfer to the Preschool classroom at the appropriate time.

The Day Care program will focus on exploring children's interests and developing empathy for others.

Initially, the K-8 Latchkey program will be available before and after school for up to 18 students. (Session I is 6:30am – 8:10am. Session II is 3:30pm – 6:00pm) Parents will have the options of bringing their children in early before school and picking them up later, after school ends, in a supervised setting. Price is determined by the session for each child. Parents can learn more details about these two great programs by calling the school office at 734-878-5616 or emailing [mrsabbott@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:mrsabbott@stmarypinckney.org).

**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 office at 734-878-2217, ext. 218.**

**Please pray for those who are serving  
in the Armed Forces, especially:**



William V. Backlund III, Tim Begley, Christopher Bullion, Gabe Campbell, Kymberly deBeauclair, 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

**Men's Speaker Night**  
**(For this special evening spouses are invited!)**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**

**With Bishop Earl Boyea**

**at St. Patrick Church, Brighton**

To kick-off our fifth season of speakers, his Excellency Bishop Earl Boyea from the Diocese of Lansing will share his personal comments on the impact of the life of St. John Vianney since we are celebrating *the year of the priests*. Spouses are invited to attend with the men for this special evening presentation. Bishop Boyea's commentary will begin after a short fellowship following the mass around 7:45 p.m. in McCann Hall.



**CASINO NIGHT**

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm - 12:00midnight

Sponsored by

**Knights of Columbus**

Council #11761

**Admission: \$3.00/Gym**

**Games: BlackJack,**

**Craps, Roulette, Poker,**

**7-Card Stud, Let-It-Ride,**

**and open-play**

**Texas Hold 'Em**

**Win: Cash Prizes (limit of  
\$500 per person)**

**Available: Hot Food, Cash Bar (Beer & Wine)**

**Free: Popcorn and Coffee**

**Smoking: Smoke Free Facility with separate  
smoking area**

**Turbo Texas Hold 'Em Tournament**

Registration starts 6:45pm

Dealing starts 7:15pm

\$55 Buy-In Ticket

1 Re-Buy allowed in first

hour. Contact Kevin at

734.878.6902 or Tom at

734.878.6381 for tix



**RAFFLE**

Thank you for your support by purchasing raffle tickets!

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for

Sunday, August 30, 2009:

\$25 winners-

Hur Family

Glen & Elizabeth Griffith

Aaron Wiley

Robert Press

Buhl Burton

Weiland Family

Deb Backlund

## DIVORCE & BEYOND RECOVERY & HEALING

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?

This may be the information and support that you or that special person that you know is looking for. Co-hosted by the parishes of the Livingston Region and Livingston County Catholic Social Services, this education and support group is available for you. Topics will include: The Process of Divorce, Self-Image, Stress, Anger, Blame and Guilt, Loneliness, Forgiveness, Happiness, and Pathways to Growth.

**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, Livingston County Catholic Social Services

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

### Livingston Region 50+ Catholic Council on Aging Annual SENIOR APPRECIATION MASS "FOLLOW ME"

**Wednesday – September 23, 2009**  
MASS: 11:00am & LUNCHEON: NOON  
St. Mary Catholic Church  
10601 Dexter-Pinckney Road  
Pinckney, 48169

Fr. David Howell, Regional Vicar, will celebrate the Mass and all Livingston Region Priests have been invited to concelebrate. There is no charge for the luncheon, but you must RSVP and acquire a ticket, from the 50+ Parish Representative of your parish, Fran McLaughlin 734-878-9959, by Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### CASINO TRIP

St. Mary Men's Club presents a Fall Colors trip to

#### Little River Casino

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

Your trip includes: One night stay at area hotel  
Deluxe motorcoach transportation  
Visit to Firekeepers Casino  
Receive \$47 in total incentives  
Houghton Lake lunch cruise  
Price: \$149 per person

Departs from St. Mary at 7:30am on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information please contact  
Stan Olekas at 810-231-2904 or  
Gary Anemaet at 734-954-0156.

### Report for August 31, 2009 Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
		07/01/09 – 08/31/09
Offertory	\$ 11,945.59	\$ 121,415.28
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 13,349.04	\$ 120,141.36
Variance	\$ (1,403.45)	\$ 1,273.92
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest	\$ 414.50	\$ 10,735.10
Collected		
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 75,030.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Shortfall		\$ (55,030.00)

**Thank you for your generous donations!**

### Second Annual Benefit for Sewing Angels Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 5pm-8pm Big Boy, 8510 Grand River, Brighton

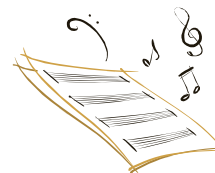
**Come Show your support!**

Sewing Angels is a volunteer non-profit group of creative women who have sent 887 blankets to our troops wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan. These blankets bring warmth and comfort but also show our American support to those who are giving their all to keep us safe at home.

Big Boy management is donating 10% of the dinner sales and the waitresses are contributing 100% of their tips! Please mark your calendars!

### AN EXCITING NEW CHOIR SEASON BEGINS!

Our new choir season kick-off begins Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 pm. Anyone with the desire to praise God with their voice may participate, and no one will be



required to audition. We welcome (music) readers and non-readers alike. The choir will sing every Sunday (except the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) at the 9:00 Mass beginning September 13. If a member is unable to make a 9-12 month commitment to choir, short-term seasonal opportunities are available, particularly during Advent and Lent.

Another option for singers is our Vocal Ensemble, a smaller group that leads music at 11:30 Mass. Wind, string, percussion and keyboard instrumentalists are encouraged to offer their time and talents as well. Players with a minimum two year's experience are welcome to play at one or both Sunday Masses.

Please prayerfully consider singing with us while there are still vacancies. For more information and to register, please call me at 734-878-3161, ext. 213, or e-mail me at [giamanco@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:giamanco@stmarypinckney.org). Sign-up sheets will also be available the weekend of September 19 and 20.

Here's looking forward to a wonderful new season of music and fellowship. I'd love you to be part of it!

In God's Spirit,  
Tony Giamanco, Music Director

# Youth Ministry

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

Many have asked "How are you going to do both religious education and youth ministry." I'm not! We never "do" ministry alone we also need the help of the community and thankfully we now have another part time minister in youth ministry....Let me introduce...well when you get to know her you will know Rosemary Gass needs no introduction!

Rosemary has been involved in religious education for almost four decades and yes that is longer than I have been alive!

## In the 1970's

- She taught religious education and Confirmation Preparation at her alma mater and home parish, The Church of the Divine Child in Dearborn, MI.
- She was active in ministry at Holy Trinity Chapel at Eastern Michigan University.
- She was also an active leader in Youth Groups at Bishop Borgess in Redford, MI, St. Mary of the Snow in Holland, Mass, and at St. Mary in Milford.

## In the '80's

- Rosemary taught CCD at St. Sebastian Church in Dearborn Heights, MI.
- Taught Theology full time at St. Mary of Redford High school; Redford, MI.

## In the '90's

- As a member of the Theology Department at Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield, MI she taught Theology and served as a leader in the senior/junior Kairos retreat.
- She instructed students in Confirmation preparation at Prince of Peace parish in West Bloomfield.

Throughout her work in the Church, her passion for and training in theatre has inspired her to direct and perform in dramatic, musical and vocal presentations throughout Southeastern Michigan. At the turn of the century she directed student presentations of *The Passion* here at St. Mary. Rosemary has also used her gifts to help others become more effective proclaimers of the Word.

For the past twenty years she has edited undergraduate and graduate papers in theology, philosophy and has collaborated on writing retreats, meditations and prayers.

Rosemary has been a teacher in Pinckney for ten years. She is currently a Communication, Drama and Service Learning teacher at Pathfinder school.

She has also been an adult leader for the past year in High School youth group. I joke that she wandered into the rummage sale last year and never left. Actually she had helped in the past and was ready to help again. I am honored to work side by side with a woman who truly witnesses honestly and whole heartedly with our young people.

She is honored and humbled to take on the task of guiding our teens on their spiritual journey. In her words, "God has given me an abundance of grace, faith, hope and love. As much as possible, therefore, I must return the fruits of my gifts to Him through my stewardship. It does not matter how imperfect or meager my offerings may be in comparison to the blessings He has given me. All that matters is that I

attempt to reach as high up to touch Him as He has reached down to touch me when he marked me as one of his own."

Welcome Rosemary!

With Devotion, Rebecca

## HS Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
09/10	6:00pm-7:00pm	Lock In Team Meeting
09/10	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
09/16	6:00pm-7:00pm	Lock In Team Meeting
09/16	7:00pm-8:30pm	Parent/Teen Ice Cream Social/Meet
09/23	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group~Liturgy
09/30	6:00pm-7:00pm	Lock In Team Meeting
09/30	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group

If you have an questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

## Middle School Youth Group!

Meetings and youth group nights will be held in the youth room. Please use back door by the playground for drop off and pick up.

09/15	7:00pm-8:30pm	Parent/Teen Ice Cream Social/Meet
09/22	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
09/25	7:00-10:00pm	OPEN Youth Ministry Kick Off
09/29	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group

If you have an questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

Youth Ministry Fall KICK OFF!

## "ō-pən"

Come join the youth of the parish for a night of fun. Our theme is "open!" See what it is all about! It will be a night of fun including open gym. **Grades 6-12 are welcome!** September 25, 2009 from 7pm-10pm. Health Forms on the web or contact Rebecca!



**Ice Cream and Pie OH MY!**  
**Find out what Youth Ministry is all about and meet the Leaders including our new HS Coordinator of Youth Ministry!**

Parents and Teens are invited and highly encouraged to attend an ice cream social and parents meeting!

Parents of teens active in youth ministry will need to attend or meet with the youth minister this fall. There will be two meetings one for Middle School and one for High School! **Middle School** will be **September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8:30pm** in the **Multi-purpose room**. **High School** will be on **September 16<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8:30pm** in the **School Gathering Space**.

## MASS INTENTIONS – September 6 - 13

**Sunday, September 6 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**11:30am:** In Honor of Rich Gilligan by Family

**Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)**

**\*\*9:00am: NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Tuesday, September 8 – Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**\*\*5:00pm: NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 9 – St. Peter Claver**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Douglas Paul by Family & Friends

**Thursday, September 10**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Patricia Lichwala by Family

**Friday, September 11**

**9:00am:** In Honor of Sarah Salvatori by Mrs. Joan Weber

**Saturday, September 12 – The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:30am:** In Memory of Della Wyatt by Mabel Peabody

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Irene Orlow by Family & Friends

**Sunday, September 13 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am:** In Honor of Karen Burke by Family

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

### COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

**September 8:** D. Denome

**September 14-15:** D. Denome, J. Wilson

### WEEKLY READINGS –September 6 - 12

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37/Ps 146

**Monday:** Col 1:24- 2:3/Lk 6:6-11/Ps 62

**Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23/Ps 13

**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26/Ps 145

**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38/Ps 150

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42/Ps 16

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49/Ps 113

### OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Carol Birk, Rachel Campbell, Edward & Celeste Cheesman,  
David Dudek, Linda Landau, Sophia Range, Nathan  
Rutkowski, Ray Wiengert

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Both the first reading and Gospel today remind us of the power and glory of our Lord. They speak of Jesus and His healing touch on all those who seek Him, How can we fear or question our worth in the eyes of the Lord? How can we doubt the touch of God in our own lives? Jesus gave of all He had and from everything with which His Father blessed Him.

We, too, are called to give of the gifts we possess – all that the Father has given to us. In doing so we become the hands, feet, voice, and heart of Jesus. This is Stewardship, and we have the opportunity to practice it in our daily lives with all those with whom we live and love and work.

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

## LAY MINISTERS – September 12 - 13

### 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:** B. Corwin, D. Denome

**9:00am:** P. Clough, A. Shmina

**11:30am:** G. Mable, L. Mable

### 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, B. Wetzel,  
R. Kuczajda

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

### Greeters

**5:00pm:** R. Denome

**9:00am:** P. Gabli

**11:30am:** Meldrum Family

### Altar Servers

**5:00pm:** P. Moenart (Cross), S. Wack, A. Jasinski

**9:00am:** A. Claffey (Cross), R. Menosky, S. Masinda

**11:30am:** L. Yahr (Cross), P. Rutkowski, J. Mable

### Offertory Gifts

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

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

**11:30am:** Knights of Columbus

### Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

**Linens - September:** M. Beck, L. Saines

**Cleaning the Altar – September:** K. Leonard

### Collection Counters

**September 8 (Tuesday):** A. Martin, H. Menosky, S. Walton

**September 14:** J. King, R. Miller, J. Darrow

### Marriage Bann II

**Andrew Barlage – Amy Dye**