



As Labor Day fades behind us we begin to say goodbye to the summer season. Even though there will surely be more warm weather before fall arrives in earnest, we know that the seasonal changes of Michigan will soon be upon us.

This seasonal 'change' is really the rhythm of life. Nothing stays the same for very long in nature. We see that all around us. For school children, it's the challenge of the next year's classes - and for their parents it's the challenge of children who are another year older and growing up so fast we can hardly believe it. For others, the challenge is to responsibly enjoy the rewards of our years of work and raising our families, while realizing that things continue to change and adapt around us.

We find holiness in this rhythm of life and how we adapt to it. There are certainly high points, and some very difficult ones, throughout our lives. The trick is how we react and adapt to those events. Do we continue to grow in love and faith in the midst of all these changing conditions? Do we sometimes try to tuck ourselves away and keep some of these changes from happening? We find Jesus most often in those around us. May we continue to see His face in our friends and family, and rest comfortably with Him amid the changes of the seasons and the rhythms of our lives.

God Bless you always, Deacon Randy

CAFE - Catholic Adult Faith Education

Fr. Bill will be teaching an adult education course for our parish.

Topic: "***How the Church Thinks Morally.***"

Scheduled on the following Thursdays this fall:

Sept 10, 24; Oct. 8, 22, 29; Nov. 5

Time/Location: 7pm in Conference Room B

ANNOUNCING: 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. Parents can learn more details about these two great programs by calling the school office at 734-878-5616 or emailing mrsabbott@stmarypinckney.org.

RAFFLE

Thank you for your support by purchasing raffle tickets! Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for

Sunday, September 6, 2009:

\$100 winner: Julie Sredzinski

\$25 winners: Ann Kangas

Margie Holcomb

Renee St. Sauver

Joe Kelly

Deb Read

Gail Morris

Jenny Anderson

Elaine Koch

Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

The deadline for Religious Education and Confirmation has passed. If you missed it please contact Rebecca Keiser immediately.

Classes Starting Today!

Religious Education K-8: September 13, 2009

Confirmation Starts: September 27, 2009

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

Please plan for your child to arrive to class at 10:15am! 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? **Help is needed!** 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



CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, September 19th

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



ST. MARY'S MUSIC MINISTRY... COME JOIN THE FUN!!

Now is the time to get involved as we roll out a new season of exciting music. There are wonderful programs for singers and players of all ages and all levels of ability!



For young musicians we have our Children's Choir (grades K-3), our Youth Choir (grades 4-8), our Handchime Ensemble (for adults and youth), and our Praise and Worship Band. There are also cantoring and instrumental opportunities for youth and adults.

For adults, we offer an adult choir, our 11:30 Vocal Ensemble, and SILK (our 5:00 Mass ensemble). For many of these programs, seasonal participation is also possible.

Also, check out our music brochures and sign-up sheets during Music Ministry Recruitment Weekend, September 19 and 20, in the gathering space after each Mass. Opportunities will be available to sign up for various programs within the music ministry as well as to meet and greet current music ministry participants.

Don't miss out on a great opportunity to share God-given talents, to grow musically and spiritually, and to serve the needs of our Parish!

As Psalm 150 states: *Praise God in the temple, in the highest heavens! Praise God's mighty deeds and noble majesty. Praise God with trumpet blasts, with lute and harp. Praise God with timbrel and dance, with strings and pipes. Praise God with crashing cymbals, with ringing cymbals. All that is alive, praise. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!*

Deo Gratias, Tony Giamanco, Director of Music

HANDCHIMES ARE BACK!

After a year's hiatus, our handchime ensemble will once again be ringing songs unto the Lord! Adults and youth, 4th grade on up, are encouraged to join us for rehearsals starting Thursday, October 1st, at 6:00 pm in the worship space.

Learning to ring is easy and it's fun. Non-singers, in particular, are encouraged to try it out. Just imagine, you will be making music from the very start!

So come join us in October for a really good "chime"...and feel free to sign up September 19 or 20. Great fun and fellowship are guaranteed!

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!

Children's Clothing Exchange Consignment Sale/Fundraiser



Sale Dates/Hours:

Friday, October 9 from 4pm-8pm
Saturday, October 10 from 8am-3pm

No admission charge

Got Kids? Need extra cash?

Entire Community welcome to buy and sell in the sale.

No fee to participate, &

sellers do not have to be present during the sale.

Anything your child could need at fabulous prices!

The sale will be set up like a department store, with clothing sorted by function, size and gender. No going from vendor to vendor to find what you need at the best price. The sale will take place in the St. Mary Parish Multi-Use room.

For sale details or to be a consignor visit:

school.stmarypinckney.org

Click on consignment sale/fundraiser

KNIGHTS KORNER

September 2009

Eucharistic Adoration—Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25

First Degree Exempt—Sept. 8

General Business Meeting—Sept. 8

Corporate Communion—Sept. 13

Knight Daughters Meeting—Sept. 14

Vegas Night—Sept. 19

Disc Golf Outing—Sept. 26

Officers Meeting—Sept. 30

September Knight of the Month: Tom Czubaj

September Family of the Month: Kevin Schang

Visit us at glmikofc.org

Livingston YAM (Young Adult Ministry) SPAGHETTI & SOCKS

Wear the socks, eat the spaghetti!

Friday, September 25, 2009 7-10pm

St. Augustine 6481 Faussett Rd. Howell

Open to ALL young adults (18-35) single or married.

Door prizes, music & more! \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door

RSVP on fb - Livingston YAM or by email at

livingstonyam@gmail.com

VERITAS RETREAT

for Young Adult (18-28) Singles & Couples

Oct. 23-25, 2009 St. Patrick's PLC

It doesn't get closer than this! Reserve your spot today!

More info available on fb or by email at

livingstonyam@gmail.com

COME & SEE

The Adrian Dominican Sisters, www.adriandominicans.org, are hosting a "Come and See" Weekend and Workshop for single, Catholic women, 18-35, who are interested in exploring religious life. We begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, September 25 and end at lunch on Sunday, September 27, 2009. Join us for our traditional afternoon prayer of Vespers, evening Taize prayer and Sunday liturgy. Study our relationship with Earth Community, presented by Sisters Joan Marie Weithman, OP, and Sarah Sharkey, OP; deepen your understanding of spiritual direction; and engage in discussion with many sisters. For questions or to RSVP, contact Sister Durstynne Farnan, OP, at dfarnan@adriandominicans.org or 517-266-3537.

NEED A BREAK?

Do you want to get closer to Jesus?

Come join us at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center!

"Know the God of Jesus" is the theme for this year.

If you'd like to come with us, the retreat is scheduled for October 30th – November 1st. Relax, pray, enjoy good company, & delicious food! Call Jan Helmboldt at 734-498-2526 before October 1st. The request is for a donation of \$155, but NO ONE will be turned away if you can't pay this. Do what you can. **Think about it! You won't regret it.**

St. Mary, Manchester Hosts Ethnic Dinners this Fall

The parishioners of St. Mary Catholic Church in Manchester are hosting three Ethnic dinners beginning this month. The first dinner will be Irish, on Friday, September 18, and will feature Corned Beef & Cabbage and other Irish culinary delights. (This is 6-months before St. Patrick's Day—why wait?) The second dinner will be Polish, on Friday, October 16, and will feature traditional Golabki (stuffed cabbage) with mashed potatoes, and salad. The third dinner, Italian, will be held on Friday, November 13, and will feature spaghetti & mostaccioli served with meat and marinara sauces, salad, and rolls. Dinners will be served from 5–7:30pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center, downtown Manchester, one block north of the Marathon Gas Station at the corner of Madison & Clinton Street. Plenty of parking. All dinners include dessert, soda, coffee, or milk – and seconds if you're still hungry. Dinners are \$8.50 with special discounts for seniors and children. For more information, please call the parish office at 734-428-8811.

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 Dicummon, Jeff Gabel, Michael Ganzak, Erik Hennigan, Kevin

Martin, Michael McInerney, Sean Rooker, Anthony Sparks, Jonathon Stepp, Kenneth & Sherri Streu, Jesse Sutton, Kurt Whitlow

FUNFEST

St Agnes Announces their Annual FunFest

All are invited to St Agnes Catholic Church, 855 E Grand River, Fowlerville for the annual parish FunFest. This year's event will be hosted in the newly constructed Parish Life Center on Saturday & Sunday, September 19 & 20.

Saturday night is being targeted toward those teens and adults who are euchre players and are up for a euchre tournament. In addition, for all those of age for gambling, we will also host a Texas Hold-em. For other adults who just want to come and socialize, there will be eats and drinks, a bonfire, a silent auction and several raffles.

Sunday will feature the traditional BBQ chicken dinner **in air-conditioned comfort!!!** Sunday will also feature a live auction, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, concessions, award winning DJ Kurt Lewis and much more. For more information on any of these events please call Liz Heslip at the St. Agnes Parish Office at 223-8684.

Men's Speaker Night

(For this special evening spouses are invited!)

September 17th – 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.

Report for September 7, 2009

Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> 07/01/09 – 09/07/09
Offertory	\$ 16,489.73	\$ 137,905.01
Operating Budget Reqmnt	<u>\$ 13,349.04</u>	<u>\$ 133,490.40</u>
Variance	\$ 3,140.69	\$ 4,414.61
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 1,421.89	\$ 12,156.99
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 75,030.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Shortfall		\$ (55,030.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!

Youth Ministry

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

HS Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
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 any questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

Middle School Youth Group!

Weekly Middle School Youth Group starts this week! Join us for faith, fun and fellowship!

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 any questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org



Youth Ministry Fall KICK OFF!

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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 15th** from **7pm-8:30pm** in the **Multi-purpose room**.

High School will be on **September 16th** from **7pm-8:30pm** in the **School Gathering Space**.

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 14th.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Beginning Experience of Lansing is presenting a weekend for grieving widowed, divorced, and separated people on October 2, 3, & 4, 2009, at the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Jackson, Michigan. This program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Pre-registration is required. For more information please call: Pam (517-784-7585); Karen (517-449-3906); or Nancy (517-371-2397).

CASINO TRIP

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

Little River Casino

Thursday, October 1st – Friday, October 2nd, 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 1st.

For more information please contact

Stan Olekas at 810-231-2904 or

Gary Anemaet at 734-954-0156.

The loss of a loved one can be very emotional and very different for each person, and therefore it can seem that no one knows what you are going through. Need someone with whom to talk, someone that will just listen? Call a Befriender! Contact the parish office at 734-878-3161 for referral.



MASS INTENTIONS – September 13 - 20

Sunday, September 13 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Honor of Dan & Lori Hall & Family

By Pepper Family

Wednesday, September 16 – Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian

9:00am: In Memory of Ted Bird by Rost Family

Thursday, September 17 – St. Robert Bellarmine

9:00am: In Honor of Bob & Mary Ann Kroeger

By Doug & Heather Schultz Family

Friday, September 18

9:00am: In Honor of Mrs. Debbie Pauline

By Mrs. Joan Weber

Saturday, September 19 – St. Januarius

8:30am: In Memory of Albert Birk by Debbie Loukotka

5:00pm: In Honor of Joe & Ruth Miller

By Norb & Mary Rickelmann

Sunday, September 20 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11:30am: For Our Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

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

September 21-22: J. Wilson, D. Hall

WEEKLY READINGS –September 13 - 19

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101/Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100/Lk 8:4-15

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Carol Birk, Terri Bruce, Rachel Campbell, Edward Cheesman, David Dudek, Sr. Elliott Gretchen, Linda Landau, Nathan Rutkowski, Ray Wiengert

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

These words, in today's second reading, echo our call to Stewardship. They challenge us to put what we preach into practice, and to open up our hearts and hands to those around us. Praying is powerful, and putting action behind our prayers is a visible sign of our faith to all those around us. We may

be the only copy of God's Word that our neighbors experience. Let it be alive, and let us demonstrate our faith through our works of compassion, understanding, integrity, joy, patience, truth, and love.

LAY MINISTERS – September 19 - 20

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.

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, P. Miller

9:00am: S. Wild, S. Kuschel

11:30am: Z. Jones, B. Bauer

Ushers

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

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

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

Greeters

5:00pm: T. Kenny

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

11:30am: W. Brown

Altar Servers

5:00pm: E. Miller (Cross), M. Pescrillo, J. Jasinski

9:00am: K. Nagy (Cross), S. Polich, C. Polich

11:30am: M. Gabel (Cross), M. Gabel, T. Jones

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Doug & Heather Schultz & Family

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

9:00am: Doug & Heather Schultz & Family

Linens - September: M. Beck, L. Saines

Cleaning the Altar – September: K. Leonard

Collection Counters

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

September 21: M. Sheehan, N. Rickelmann, H. Menosky

Marriage Bann III

Andrew Barlage – Amy Dye

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!