



Dear Parishioners,

This week, the priests of the Diocese of Lansing will be at our annual "Convocation." This is a once a year opportunity to build fraternal bonds amid the presbyterate, to listen to our bishop and his vision for our diocese, as well as to grow spiritually and intellectually so that we may better serve you, our parishioners. I would ask for all of your prayers this coming week for myself and my fellow priests, especially as we celebrate the "Year of the Priest" in the Catholic Church. Please consult the bulletin for the daily mass schedule.

Many good things are taking place in our parish. Please read this bulletin carefully and see where you might fit in with a great servant heart.

Prayers and blessings,
Fr. Bill Wegher

Breaking News! Breaking News!
Extended Serving times to meet family
schedules!!!



Family Life Night
October 21, 2009

Serving: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Open Gym/Activities: 6pm-8:30pm

Warm your soul with **Homemade**

Saintly Stew, Biscuits, fresh salad and Dessert!

A rewarding opportunity to help nourish God's People!

FLN is looking for help! Contact Rebecca today!

Questions or to volunteer contact: Rebecca at 734-878-2217, ext 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

St. Mary Men's Club Presents

Country Style Breakfast

Sunday, October 4th

8:30am-11am

Free Will Donations

Proceeds to help with

Rectory Restoration Project



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?

Join us for the upcoming Inquiry Session

October 1

At 7pm in the Parish Conference Room.

For more details about this process, please call the office at 734-878-2217, ext. 218.

Faith Formation
Kindergarten - Confirmation

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

Please plan for your child to arrive to class at 10:15am! We only have 1 hour of class time!

What's Goin' On...

Religious Education K-8

Classes have begun and are Sundays from 10:15-11:20am.

We do not have a break until the end of November!

Confirmation

Starts TODAY!!

We meet in the Gym at 10:15-11:20am!

1st Reconciliation and Eucharist

Starts: December 6, 2009

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Letters will be going out in November. If you registered and attended the summer session you should be registered for the Sacraments. If you home school and have not talked directly with me PLEASE contact me. I am not sure you are on the roster for class.

Contact Rebecca Keiser at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or

rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

NOTICE: The Rosary Altar Society Meeting will be held one day earlier- Wednesday, September 30th!



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:

Oct. 8, 22, 29; Nov. 5

Time/Location: 7pm in Conference Room B

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

The Eighth grade has hit the ground running this year. We are studying what Church is in Religion as we begin our year studying Church history.

In Grammar and Vocabulary we are studying nouns, pronouns and many new words.

In United States History, we have completed a review of the First Americans in North America and have moved on to European Exploration of the Americas.

In Literature, we have begun our unit on Short Stories. We have completed reading The Adventure of the Speckled Band by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. They have reviewed and written a business letter. They will be writing their first critical essay of many beginning this week. Lastly, we will begin reading the novel Call of the Wild by Jack London.

Thank You, Mrs. Mable

DRESSER MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry is asking for your kind donations of baby items to benefit Pregnancy Helpline in Brighton. In this economic climate, there are many in need. We can support these young families with prayer and donations of baby clothing, diapers, bottles, etc. The dresser will be in the gathering space from October 3 through October 11. You can pick up a tag off the dresser or bring whatever baby item you like to help those mothers who choose life. Please return donations to the dresser in the gathering space by Sunday, October 11. God bless you!

USED JEWELRY

The RAS is asking parishioners to donate their used costume jewelry to us. We will price it and display it for sale reasonably at our Christmas Bazaar as a fund raising event. A basket will be located in the Parish Office for your donated items beginning Sunday, September 20, 2009. We will be collecting jewelry items through November 15, 2009. Call Diane Tryon at 734-878-3415 if you have questions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Livingston County Catholic Social Services (LCCSS) will be processing letters for the upcoming Annual Loaves & Fish Appeal and is in need of volunteers.

Dates: October 12, 2009 & October 15, 2009

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm (a light lunch will be provided)

Place: LCCSS, 2020 E. Grand River, #104, Howell

Please R.S.V.P. by Oct. 7th by calling 517-545-5944

LIFE CHAIN 2009

Sunday, October 4th 2pm-3pm rain or shine

Downtown Pinckney at the Town Square (M-36)

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, safe, legal, family friendly, nationwide Pro-Life demonstration! Stand and be counted with hundreds of other area Christians in a prayerful witness to our commitment to love and protect the unborn, their mothers, and their fathers. We will line the sidewalks on Main Street near the Town Square holding signs stating messages such as, "Pray to End Abortion", "Jesus Forgives and Heals", "Adoption the Loving Option". Signs will be available. Parking is also available. Seniors feel free to bring folding chairs. For the national website go to: www.lifechain.net

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

Meet Our Youth Choir!

St. Mary's Youth Choir is comprised of volunteer singers, grades 4-8, who rehearse every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 pm in the worship space. They are dedicated, bright, and most of all, they love to sing!

Every few months the choir participates at one weekend Mass. Eventually, they will have the opportunity to perform in concerts and other special events as well.

There are also numerous benefits to singing in the choir. These include: learning to appreciate many styles of music, learning to read music, better song participation in liturgies, the responsibility of providing musical leadership at Mass, and nurturing a desire to sing that will continue into adulthood.

Another advantage to choir members is being given a sense of ownership in the group. Having a voice in the decision-making process, serving as choir officers, and being allowed some input in what they sing help build responsibility within the group.

Additionally, choir members are given incentives for attendance, memorization, conduct, and musicianship. These incentives may include school supplies, gift cards, religious items, and even pizza parties!

So what, after all, is the purpose of a youth choir? To give our youth the opportunity to work together and praise God; to meet the needs of our faith community; to touch people's lives; to share their Catholic faith; to learn to be "one team" for "one purpose": to spread the Good News of the Gospel; to take pride in doing a job very, very well; to grow musically and spiritually...all while having fun!

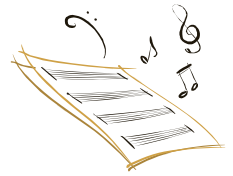
A youth choir, however, does not happen by accident. It takes a lot of recruiting, planning, and especially, the dedication and commitment of singers and their parents.

At this time, vacancies are now being filled. All youth, grades 4-8, are eligible to join. No prior experience is necessary, just a love for singing. Best of all, no potential member is required to audition! For more information and to register, please contact music director, Tony Giamanco, at 734-878-3161, Ext. 213, or by e-mail: giamanco@stmarypinckney.org.

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into the Lord's presence with singing. Psalm 100: 2
Deo Gratias,

Tony Giamanco, Music Director, St. Mary Parish



RAFFLE

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

Sunday, September 20, 2009:

\$25 winners:

Mary Morris

Jean Beaudoin

Nancy Myer

Yvette Vandersluis

Pat Hughes

Jackie Paul

Sarah Dowd

**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.

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

Road Rally & After Party

Saturday, October 10th @ 6pm



Grab a car load of your friends for this exciting event. Or you may join us at the After Party!!

\$25 per person/includes Road

Rally & After Party

\$10 per person/After Party Only

Registration forms can be picked up in the church gathering space, school office or you can register online at stmarypinckney.org. Prizes will be awarded to the first place team and several more prizes will be given away by raffle. Help support our school and have fun doing it! Sponsored by St. Mary School.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY FUN WALK
FOR THE PINCKNEY LIBRARY**

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2009

Registration: 8am/Walk begins at 10am

Entry Fee: \$15 per walker. \$2.00 off per person if registering a family of 3 or more.

Location: Pinckney Community Library, 350 Mower Rd.

Information: 734-878-3888

Online Registration: www.pinckneylibrary.org

JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

A 5-week bereavement group offered by Hospice of Michigan on Wednesday's, October 7 – November 4, 2009 from 10:30am-12noon at the Brighton District Library, 100 Library Drive, Brighton. For more information call Rev. Nancy Dotty, 734-769-4524. Registration is required by October 5th as space is limited. There is no charge for the group.

CALLING ALL BEACH BUMS...

The theme for the 2010 St. Mary School Auction is "Beach Bash." Funds raised at the auction go directly to helping reduce tuition, as well as to providing families with scholarships. This event is invaluable in terms of its ability to help our parish make Catholic education a reality for many families. The Auction Team currently is looking for volunteers both within the school and the parish to help fill a variety of positions. Some of the positions that are the most important to fill are listed below. Other positions are listed on the table in the school gathering space. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Auction Co-Chair Holly Oakes at (734) 878-5433 or Kim Plait at (810) 923-8901. Also, one very fun way to support the Beach Bash is by attending it! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 17. See you there!

Procurement: *If everyone were to procure a few items the load would be lighter!* We need a team to solicit donations and advertisers, communicate and follow-up with businesses and sponsors, assist with banner construction and hanging, assist in physically collecting items from donors and purchasing fill-in items as advised by auction chair(s).

Basket Makers: will assemble items into baskets for sale and display at the auction, including wrapping and tagging. Craftiness is a plus. These positions will be busiest after the first of the year.

Check-Out Coordinator: Works with the check-in chair and works the night of the auction from approximately 9 p.m. to midnight. Files bidder invoices, help buyers with the check-out process and help distribute items. Needs to become familiar with the auction software.

Auction Program: Works with the auction chair(s) to create the auction program distributed the evening of the event. Comfort working on the computer is a must and graphic design is a plus. Will scan ads and design simple ads from logo, create an advertiser index and put together the layout for printing. May work with the printer to set-up scheduling and pricing. The main body of the program will be complete a few weeks before the auction but there will be addendum work the week prior. A large portion of this position can be worked on at home.

Report for September 21, 2009

Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
		07/01/09 – 09/21/09
Offertory	\$ 14,163.80	\$ 167,706.95
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 13,349.04	\$ 160,188.48
Variance	\$ 814.76	\$ 7,518.47
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 839.00	\$ 13,812.99
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 112,545.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		\$ 30,000.00
Shortfall		\$ (82,545.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!

CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Lansing Guild of the Catholic Medical Association presents an evening of fellowship for members and students (medical, pharmacy, dental, nursing, etc) Friday, October 2, 2009, at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Ann Arbor. The evening begins with Mass at 6:00pm. Wine and cheese party follows in the Parish Hall. There will be an opportunity for students to hear experienced physicians discuss the issues confronting today's Catholic health care worker with Q&A. RSVP to cmalansing@gmail.com or call 734-930-7840.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Heartland Hospice is seeking volunteers. We depend on our volunteers to help us provide the extra love and care our clients and their families need at this time in their life. Whether it's running errands, staying with the client so family members can take a break, reading to clients, or holding their hand, the help and support our volunteers give is returned to them in countless ways.

Volunteer training is a 12 hour program divided into four days.

Dates: Tuesday, October 6, Thursday, October 8, Tuesday, October 13, & Thursday, October 15

Times: 6pm - 9pm

Location: Heartland Hospice, 3840 Packard Rd., Suite 260, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Registration & More Information: Call Candice Jones at 734-973-1145. (Individual trainings are also offered.)

Youth Ministry

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

HS Youth Group Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:
09/27	4:00pm-7:00pm	Lock In Build
09/30	6:00pm-7:00pm	Lock In Team Meeting
09/30	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group/Lock In Build
10/02	7:00pm-10:00pm	Friday Night Party (Gym)
10/07	6:00pm-9:00pm	Lock In Meeting/Build
10/07	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group

Mark your calendars!

Oct. 16-17 = LOCK IN! BE THERE!

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

Diocese of Lansing Presents:

We R.O.C.K. (Rely on Christ the King) High School Jamboree!

Join us as approximately 1000 teens invade Lansing to celebrate their faith through friends, spiritual growth and worship! A day of dynamic speakers (BOB RICE this year!) and workshops followed by a crazy fun dance party with inflatable games!

When: November 1st 8:30am-9:30pm

Cost: \$35.00 by October 1st (scholarships available) or \$55.00 after October 1st

Registration Forms on table in gathering space or on the web.



Mission Possible:

TOP SECRET: Your mission should you choose to accept it, is to experience the St. Mary Annual Teen Lock In: the night where the impossible becomes possible. Join your fellow agents for food, games, music, a time to bond (James Bond) with friends and make new friends! It's open to everyone in High School! See you there.

When: Oct. 16-17, 2009
7pm- 8:00am

What: Mission Possible! St. Mary Annual Teen Lock In

Where: St. Mary Headquarters

Cost: \$15.00 (Scholarships Available)

Register by October 1st and receive a free T-shirt.

Registration forms on the table in the gathering space.

More details at www.youth.stmarypinckney.org or call 734-878-2217 ext. 203

Middle School Youth Group!

Finally Weekly Middle School Youth Group! 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.

09/29 7:00pm-8:30pm Youth Group

10/02 7:00pm-10:00pm Friday Night Party (Gym)

10/06 7:00pm-8:30pm Youth Group

10/13 7:00pm-8:30pm Youth Group

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

world youth day MADRID 2011 Jornada Mundial de la Juventud

Please join us for an informative meeting on **Sunday, October 4,**

2009, at 10:15-10:45am in The Art Room! We will be discussing main details of the August 2011 pilgrimage as well as fundraisers and payment deadlines. If you are at all interested please come to the meeting. Please note you must be 16 by the end of 2011 to attend. Young adults are also welcome to join us!

Current Choice of Pilgrimage includes a pre-pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. Cost is \$4218 with a \$300 deposit due by November 2, 2009. We started fundraising in 2008 and will discuss methods of paying for the trip. We have 18 more months to fundraise so keep an open mind.

Mission: Dominican Republic

When: June 2010 Cost: \$1200 Deposit: \$200 by October 18, 2009. **Learn more at our informational meeting October 4th at 10:45-11:15am in the Art Room! We will discuss fundraising that has happened and what needs to happen!**



Pilgrimage~Mission: Michigan

When: Summer 2010 (July?) Cost: \$200-300 Deposit: February 2010 **We just wanted you to know that there are pilgrimages and mission trips for all...we will provide more information as soon as we can!**



MASS INTENTIONS – Sept. 27 - Oct. 4

Sunday, September 27 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Honor of Linda Tedrick by Gilligan Family

Monday, September 28 – St. Wenceslaus,

St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, September 29 – Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

9:00am: Communion Service

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

Wednesday, September 30 – St. Jerome

****9:00am: NO MASS**

Thursday, October 1 – St. Therese of the Child Jesus

****9:00am: NO MASS**

Friday, October 2 – Guardian Angels

****9:00am: NO MASS**

Saturday, October 3 – Bl. Virgin Mary

8:30am: In Memory of Rose Gniewek & Family

By Susan Katon

5:00pm: In Honor of Dolores Denome

By Bill & Marlene Beck

Sunday, October 4 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: In Memory of Jim Landau by Dan & Jan Cichocki

11:30am: For Our Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

September 28-29: J. Wilson, T. Burke

October 5-6: J. Wilson, G. Wizgird

WEEKLY READINGS – September 27 – Oct. 3

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 138/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69/Lk 10:17-24

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Carol Birk, Terri Bruce, Rachel Campbell, Edward Cheesman, David Dudek, Marilyn Friske, Sr. Elliott Gretchen, Alissa Jennings, Cecilia Kurziel, Linda Landau, Paula Nedela, Nathan Rutkowski, Ray Wiengert

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus encourages us with today's Gospel message: "There is no one who performs a mighty deed in My name who can at the same time speak ill of Me." May we lay down our views of who can be used by God, and believe that God is greater than anything we can ever imagine. God cannot be kept in a box with our restrictions or limits. God has no limit to what He can accomplish and provide through His people. And all who believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ, and who serve in His name are His children. What a blessing to have brothers and sisters all around the world who are seeking the Lord, praising Him, and doing good works through faith.

LAY MINISTERS – October 3 - 4

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: L. Nickels, D. Schroeder

9:00am: P. Candy, D. Cylkowski

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

Ushers

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

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

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

Greeters

5:00pm: M. Hinkle

9:00am: Meldrum Family

11:30am: B. & A. Mayer

Altar Servers

5:00pm: P. Moenart (Cross), J. Nickels, J. Nickels

9:00am: S. Langford (Cross), D. Hunter, A. Meldrum

11:30am: S. Tarske (Cross), T. Tarske, A. Sullivan

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: McGlade Family

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

5:00pm: McGlade Family

Linens – October: F. McLaughlin, D. Pegula

Cleaning the Altar – October: M. Rickelmann

Collection Counters

****September 28:** M. Glynn, M. Ulman, R. Layman
(Need extra person)

October 5: S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!