



Dear Parishioners,

We welcome Fr. Tony Palazzolo to our parish this weekend as he talks about "Food for the Poor." This community is always generous to those in our area, but it is also good to be reminded of the global reality of poverty and hunger. Please give him your sincere attention, and your great St. Mary welcome.

I'm in the woods this weekend for the annual Michigan "holy day." If I'm successful, it will cut down on the meat bill at the rectory! I will be praying for you also. Don't forget Family Life Night life this week.

As we approach Thanksgiving, let us be a Eucharistic people!

Fr. Bill Wegher

ACCOMMODATING YOUR NEEDS AT MASS

As we strive to live out our stewardship prayer to be a welcoming parish and fill the pews, we recognize that what seems to work for the crowd is not always the best for the individual with physical disabilities. We don't want to let the distance, a crush of people, or some other factor we haven't even recognized keep you from receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Let us be of service to you--please speak with the deacon or priest at least 15 minutes prior to Mass. Any greeter or usher will be pleased to help you make that contact.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

What is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)? CCHD was founded in 1970 by the bishops of the United States as the Catholic Church's domestic anti-poverty program. For nearly 40 years, CCHD has helped make long-term changes in the economic condition of communities across the United States. CCHD supports projects that address the root causes of poverty. It is a complement to the direct-assistance mission of Catholic Charity agencies and other emergency relief programs run by the Church.

Who's living in poverty? As of 2007, the US government says that a family of four is poor if its income is less than \$21,203; a family of three, \$16,530; and a two-person family, \$13,540 (US Census Bureau).

CCHD is committed to accountability. We allocate funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD and the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd/grants to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants.



Cheerleader Bake Sale

Next Weekend

After Masses!



PINCKNEY ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH ~ 7PM AT SHALOM LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Tuesday before Thanksgiving, we, as a parish, will participate in the Pinckney Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at Shalom Lutheran Church.



BEFRIENDER MINISTRY INFORMATION MEETING

Are you a good listener? Do people seem comfortable coming to you with their problems? If so you may have the gifts necessary for Befriender Ministry. Be a listening presence to someone who is hurting. Befriender Ministry will begin training for new ministers on January 30, 2010. It requires 20 hours of training and bi-weekly meetings. Please join us for an information meeting on December 2, 2009, at 7 pm in the school library. Contact Debbie Coffelt at 734-878-0622 for more information.

RAFFLE

Please save the parish the expense of mailing your raffle tickets, pick up your raffle tickets in the church gathering space for the next two weekends. After Thanksgiving we will mail. There are more chances to win bigger prizes in 2010!! They make great presents; stocking stuffers, birthdays, anniversaries, etc... All winners are put back in the hopper after each drawing for more chances to win.

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, November 8, 2009:

\$25 winners-

Kerri Cross

Chris Romanowski

Buhl Burton

Bridget Carano

Sharon Albaugh

Bob & Florence Moenart

Mary Joan McGee

COAT/SOCK/MEN'S CLOTHES DRIVE

The Christian Service team will be collecting coats, socks (gently used is preferred) and men's clothing for the Flint area. Please leave the items in the church or school office.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please call Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547 or

soccermom07@gmail.com

HAVE YOU HEARD THE NEWS?

Family Life Night is moving! Oh Yes that's right...
moving! Can you believe it?

NOW ON the Third Tuesday of the Month!

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mass: Oops mistake...normally there will be Mass, but Father will be pretending to hunt ☺!

Dinner Served: 5:30-7:00pm

Prayer Service and Spiritual Entre: 7:00-7:15pm

Open Gym/Activities: 6:00-7:00 and 7:15-8:30pm

What's Cookin'?

Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, green beans, rolls,
fresh salad and choice of pineapple or
strawberry cake for Dessert!

See what our NEW "Spiritual Team" is planning!

NOW RECRUITING!

A rewarding opportunity to help nourish God's People!

FLN is looking for help!

Positions include food prep, set up, and clean up, shopping,
inventory, gym supervisor and spiritual team positions as
well as formation planning.

Contact Rebecca today for more details

734-878-2217, ext 203 or email rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org

Your Questions Answered...

What is Family Life Night?

Family Life Night is an evening for the parish family and our greater community to come together and enjoy an evening of faith, food and fellowship. It is intergenerational and isn't just for families with school aged children. **ALL** are welcome on the **third Tuesday of the month!**

This is not a parish fundraiser. The "cost" is a minimal donation of what the family can afford. Our goal is to cover the cost of the meal and hopefully programming as it grows.

Family Life Night is not the same as it has been in the past. It is an event that is progressing and growing into what our current parish family needs. We aren't trying to recreate what was (except for the community family feel), but fill a need for our existing family. It is not a "program", but a night of casual chaos in which we can grow closer to Christ, our parish family and greater community.

Our focus is spiritual, physical and emotional health. We have a new spiritual team that will incorporate basic information about our faith as well as experiences of prayer and community building. We have joined with the Health Ministry to incorporate education and fun activities about physical and emotional health.

Our focus allows room for many topics to be explored and activities for all. Moving to the third Tuesday of the month allows us to begin with Mass at 5:00pm. We have extended our time to serve dinner. We begin with a blessing after Mass and end with a prayer service at 7:00pm. Throughout the night other activities include Family Fitness in the Gym, Middle School Youth Group, Family Faith Activities, Faith Sharing, Community Building, etc. **If anything it is a time for families to slow down and break bread together! Join us and build parish family as well as family in your homes!**
Peace and Blessings, Rebecca

Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

Religious Education K-8

Classes are Sundays from 10:15-11:20am. Please work to be on time to class. We do not have a break until the end of

November!

Confirmation

Formation Session TODAY!

Next Session 11/22/09

1st Reconciliation and Eucharist

Starts: December 6, 2009

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:

You should be receiving a letter in the mail this week. 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**

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?**

Please join us for our upcoming meetings:

November 14 Church History 6:15-7:15pm

November 22 The Mass 12:45-1:45pm

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE- 11:30 AM Mass

***These meetings will be held at St. Mary Catholic Parish
in Conference Room B.**

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



Advent Wreaths! Candles! Holiday Wreaths!

The youth will be selling **Advent Wreaths, Candles and Holiday Wreaths** after Masses on **November 21-22**. We will not be taking orders. Products will be available for purchase the day of the sale. We will also be selling **Christmas Wreaths** on **December 12-13** after Masses!

LEAVING FOR THE WINTER SEASON

If you are planning on leaving for the winter season, please call the parish office as soon as possible. We would kindly like to know the dates you will be away so that we can hold your Sunday contribution envelopes during the time frame that you are away. Thank you!



Advent by Candlelight
Monday, December 14th 7-9pm

Join us for an inspiring spiritual evening! Reservations are now available for Advent by Candlelight! Invite your female friends, family and neighbors for a candlelight evening to prepare your hearts for this holiday season. Hostess a table, it's easy, just decorate your table and provide a dessert (tables will be set for 8). You may also co-host a table or come on your own. Space is limited so make your reservations early. For more information call Angie Gilligan @ 734-478-6114 or Lori Hall @ 734-395-3589.

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP

When: Saturday, December 5 ~ 9am – 12pm
 Held at: Shepherd of the Lakes, 2101 S. Hacker Road, Brighton, MI 48114
 Breakfast: Continental breakfast will be provided.
 Speaker: Cathy Clough, Executive Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Cathy has more than 22 years of experience developing and leading grief support programs throughout Southeast Michigan. Topics to include:

- Holidays & Other Special Days
- The Grief Journey
- Pitfalls Along the Path
- But I'm Not Angry!
- Overcoming Guilt & Depression
- Letting Go, Not Forgetting
- Moving on with Hope

Please register by contacting Suzanne Biddix at outreach@shepherdsvoice.org or through the church office at 810-227-5099. There is no cost for this workshop!

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly is preparing care packages for delivery in December. We are seeking addresses for military men and women who are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Please send name, rank and complete APO address to Gary Kinneer at: kinneer@comcast.net. We are also accepting donations of items to send. Monetary donations are also accepted and we will buy for you! A list of possible items can be found at: www.operationmilitarypride.org/packages.html Call to arrange pick-up or drop-off: 810-229-2045. Thanks in advance for your support of our troops!

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, Cody

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

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

On December 6th St. Mary Catholic Parish proudly sponsors its annual "Community Christmas Breakfast". Breakfast is served 8:30 until 11:30am and is a Free-Will Donation. Proceeds provide food baskets for our neighbors in need and funding for our Community Food Banks, Gleaners, Love Inc and St Mary's. All donations are welcomed and tax receipts are available upon request. We have the best menu in the area which includes: fried or scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, French toast, pancakes, quiche, ham, pork sausage, and of course our renowned "waffle station". Mrs. Santa Claus will be on hand to lead the Christmas Carols and the kids will enjoy the free face painting provided by Oddzin Ends. It is truly a Community Christmas Event and all are welcome to join us. Invite your family, friends, & neighbors!

ATTN: Adult Men of St Mary Parish

Are you saying to yourself, "I want to get involved in this wonderful Parish of ours but I'm not really sure what is right for me?" Consider the Men's Club. We meet at 7:30pm, the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Multi-purpose room. The purpose of the Men's Club is to provide help and cooperation with the other organizations within the Parish as well as provide an avenue to generate funds for special needs within the Parish and local community. Our monthly Breakfast Events have raised thousands of dollars for various causes such as the Food Pantry, Youth Group and School Wish List. Our Roast Beef Dinner and Lent Fish Dinners are some of the most well received and attended events in our area. Sure it's work, but the friendships are forever and the reward for helping those who need our help, is well; priceless. We are very proud of our stewardship and the service we provide to our Parish Community. Come check us out on the 19th of November.

ST. MARY ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society is having a CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on Saturday, December 5th.

Are you able to donate?

We need our parish help with the following:

- Craft items - Contact Eileen at 734-878-9025.
- Homemade Baked items - bring items on Friday, December 4th after 1pm to the multi-use kitchen.
- Crafters and Vendors to be in our show -Contact Mary at 734-878-6563.

Thank you for your much needed help!

ATTN: Knitters and Crocheters

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry is branching out to include providing lap blankets, newborn/preemie hats and so forth. If you have a desire to be the hands of Jesus in helping to supply these needs please join us the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Youth Room in the school wing. Any questions contact Chris Fesl @ 734/878-0248.

Youth Ministry

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

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.

High School Youth Group!

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
11/18	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group P&W
11/21-22	After Masses	Wreath Sale
11/24 (Tues)	7:00pm-8:00pm	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service (Shalom Lutheran Church)
11/28	11:00am-1:30pm	Community Kitchen (Shalom)

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

Middle School Youth Group!

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
11/17	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
11/21-22	After Masses	Wreath Sale
11/24	7:00pm-8:00pm	Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service (Shalom Lutheran Church)
11/28	11:00am-1:30pm	Community Kitchen (Shalom)

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Report for November 9, 2009

Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
		07/01/09 –11/09/09
Offertory	\$ 11,850.50	\$ 264,637.16
Operating Budget Reqmnt	<u>\$ 13,349.04</u>	<u>\$ 253,631.76</u>
Variance	\$ (1,498.54)	\$ 11,005.40
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 193.00	\$ 20,458.77
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 150,060.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>
Shortfall		\$ (110,060.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!

ST. MARY CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

Free Admission

**Sponsored by St. Mary Rosary Altar Society
Over 100 Handmade Crafts and Vendors**

Lunch & Refreshments available to purchase

For information call: Mary (734) 878-6563

CARING FOR OUR TREASURED GIFTS

A Campaign for Our Diocesan Senior Priests Residence

We've almost reached our goal! We are pleased to share with you that we have successfully raised more than \$720,000 of our \$1 million goal. However, we still have work to do. In the final phase of our campaign, we are turning to you, the faithful of our diocese, to ask for your assistance in reaching our goal and closing out our campaign by the end of the year. With your generous gifts, this can be accomplished. Please consider a year end gift to this most worthy of causes – that of caring for our fellow senior priests. For information on how to make your year-end gift to the "Caring for Our Treasured Gifts" Campaign, please contact Patricia O' Hearn, Director of Development, 517-342-2503 or email pohearn@dioceseoflansing.org

UNITED WAY

Top 10 Reasons To Give To The Livingston County United Way:

1. It feels good.
2. Help ensure Livingston County remains a quality place to live.
3. Help reduce poverty in Livingston County.
4. People trust the Livingston County United Way to maximize their gift through collaborations and partnerships.
5. It's easy.
6. Combining your gift with donations from others makes a stronger impact.
7. Make a difference in the lives of your family and friends right here in Livingston County.
8. Your gift stays in the community...what's raised in Livingston, stays in Livingston.
9. Your contribution helps to address the most critical needs in Livingston County.
10. Incredible return on investment...\$1.89 goes directly back into the community for every dollar you donate.

A Christmas Wish List has been started for the United Way & other county agencies. The booklet is hanging on the bulletin board in the gathering space or you can donate on line at www.lcunitedway.org

**The following Retreats will be held at
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt.**

You may register online at www.stfrancis.ws or by calling the Retreat Center at 866-669-8321.

Never Lose Hope – Nurturing Your Marriage, a retreat for married couples, December 4-6, 2009. This Christmas give yourselves the gift of time – time with each other, and time with God. Presenters will be Fr. Larry Delaney, Frank and Bev Lentine, and Ken and Marilyn Wurster. The cost is \$250 per couple, a \$50 nonrefundable deposit is required with registration. Please register by November 24.

Waiting in Joyful Hope, an Advent Day of Prayer, Tuesday December 1. Experience a journey of joy and hope this Advent season. The day will offer time for prayer, reflection, faith sharing and celebrating the Eucharist. The presenter is Fr. Matt Fedewa. Cost is \$35 for the day, and includes morning hospitality and lunch. Payment is due with registration. Please register by November 23.

MASS INTENTIONS –November 15 - 22

Sunday, November 15 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: In Memory of Margaret Ciesliga

11:30am: For Our Parish

**Monday, November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland,
St. Gertrude**

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: No Mass/No Communion

**Wednesday, November 18 – Dedication of the Basilicas of
St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome,**

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

9:00am: In Memory of Bernice Hoeft by Roy Hoeft &
Family

Thursday, November 19

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

Friday, November 20

9:00am: In Honor of Kyle Nagy by Parents

**Saturday, November 21 – The Presentation of the
Bl. Virgin Mary**

8:30am: In Honor of Linda Landau by Sue Landau

5:00pm: In Memory of Mackenzie Watts by George, Laurie,
& Meggan Watts

Sunday, November 22 – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Vivian Lipinski by Dale & Joan
Pepper

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

November 16-17: D. Denome, D. Hall

November 23-24: J. Wilson, T. Burke

WEEKLY READINGS – November 15 - 21

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119/Lk 18:35-43 Lk
18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Ps (1 Chr 29)/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9/Lk 20:27-40

OUR PRAYER LIST

Duane Bordine, Ida Bulszewicz, Rachel Campbell, Ed Cheesman,
Doris Clark, Paul D'Angelo, Dolores Denome, Donald Dudek, Sr.
Gretchen Elliott, Marilyn Friske, Martha Holley, Kris Koveleski,
Cecelia Kurdziel, Linda Landau, Paula Nedela, Schlaff family,
Joan Tinlin

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass
away." Jesus reminds us that we cannot hold on to what the world
offers to us. We are simply passing through this world on our way
home – to be with our Heavenly Father, Lord, and Savior, Jesus
Christ. Let us journey as if we are homeward bound. Let us assist
our brothers and sisters as they, too, seek the way back to the
Father. May the Light of Christ shine brightly through us in these
dark times of this world.

LAY MINISTERS – November 21 - 22

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: L. Lichwala, D. Denome

9:00am: J. Weiland, P. Candy

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

Ushers

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

9:00am: B. Backlund Jr, J. Muller, R. Kuczajda, J. Polich,
B. Wetzell, D. Aten

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: Meldrum Family

Altar Servers

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

9:00am: G. Redpath (Cross), S. Polich, C. Polich

11:30am: M. Gabel (Cross), M. Gabel, H. Kiel

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm:

9:00am: The Barrett Family

11:30am:

Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

**Please consider hosting the chalice with your family for a week.
It's truly a wonderful experience.**

Linens – November: C. Kiel, A. Reilly

Cleaning the Altar – November: J. Helmboldt

Collection Counters

November 16: A. Martin, H. Menosky, S. Walton

November 23: J. King, R. Miller, J. Darrow, M. Ulman

Bulletin articles are due Tuesday at noon!