



Community Christmas Breakfast

Sunday, December 6, 2009

8:30am – 11:30am

Proceeds Provide Food Baskets for
Our Neighbors in Need

And Funding for Our Community Food Banks
Gleaners, Love Inc. & St Mary's
FREE WILL DONATION

Tax receipts available

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! Calling all St. Mary Families

If you are interested in volunteering for this community event please contact the parish office.

We have several areas in which you can participate to welcome our neighbors to St. Mary!



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.

Decorations: Asking to borrow a few artificial Christmas trees for this event. Please call Lori Hall @ 734-395-3589.

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Liturgical Year, as we enter into the Year of Grace 2010. We just finish up Thanksgiving, and we are immediately "whisked" into Advent and the new year. This is Year C in our Sunday cycle, and we will primarily be hearing from the Gospel According to Luke. We'll have a class or two on this early in the New Year.

Advent is a time of preparation - for Christ's future coming, and the remembrance of his birth as we celebrate December 25. Take time to pray and reflect upon what is truly important. Where are your values and your priorities? The community breakfast to serve the needy in our community, the Advent by Candlelight Service, and various reconciliation services will help all of us come closer to Christ and each other - if we get involved.

Following the old children's hymn, "Stay awake! Be Ready! You do not know when the Lord is coming! Stay awake! Be ready! The Lord is coming soon!!!"

In advent anticipation,
Fr. Bill Wegher

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2009

- December 9th at 7:30pm: St. Mary, Pinckney
- December 10th at 7:30pm: St. Augustine, Howell
- December 10th at 7:30pm: St. Joseph, Howell
- December 14th at 7:30pm: Holy Spirit, Hamburg
- December 15th at 7:30pm: St. Agnes, Fowlerville
- December 17th at 7:30pm: St. John, Hartland
- December 19th at 9am: St. Patrick, Brighton
- December 21st at 7:30pm: St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton

ST. MARY CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th
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



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!

EXPLANATORY MASS

Why does the priest wear the vestments that he does?
Where do the prayers that are said in the Mass come from?
What is our part in the Mass?

If you have these questions and more, please join us at an
EXPLANATORY MASS on Tuesday, December 1st at 5pm
Presider -Rev. William Wegher

All past & present RCIA members, and all parishioners are
encouraged to attend!

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!

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

Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

Religious Education K-8 No Class This weekend!

Classes are Sundays from 10:15-11:20am. Please work to be on time to class. Classes resume December 6th.

Confirmation

No Session this weekend!

Next Session: 12/06/09 Community Breakfast Service.
Make sure you're signed up for your hour.

1st Reconciliation and Eucharist

Starts: December 6, 2009

Parent Meeting December 13, 2009

(Parent meetings are for all religious ed and school families)

All sessions and meetings are from 10:15-11:20am

What Class am I in?

If your child is in Sunday 2nd Grade religious education their teacher will remain, **Mrs. Battle**. Those joining us from another grade or the summer session your teacher will be **Mrs. Keiser**. St. Mary School children will prepare during their normal religion class with **Mrs. Weber**.

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:

December 1:	Explanatory Mass	5pm
December 6:	Trinity/Holy Spirit/Creed	12:45-1:45pm
December 12:	Who is Jesus?	6:15-7:15pm
December 20:	Christmas Celebration	12:45-1:45pm

*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.

RCIA RITE OF WELCOMING & RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

Last Sunday we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens and offered our acceptance and support to: *Bill Borem, James Charboneau, Rachel Charboneau, Samantha Grigg, Wendy Grigg*

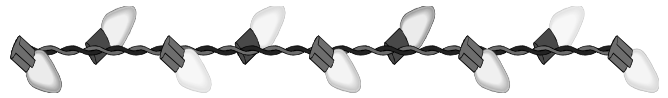
As they prepare for Baptism, Confirmation, & Eucharist.

We also celebrated the Rite of Welcoming...

Ernie Bodine, Amber Domasiewicz, Shannon Gavlinski, Karen Kettner, Morgan Klipple, Megan Konrad, Joey Paliwoda, Al Sleeman, Beth Stodart, Alexis Weaver...

already share our Christian faith through Baptism and are following God's call to live their Christian faith and complete their initiation within the Catholic community.

As a parish, we welcome our new Catechumens and Candidates and offer them our continuing prayers and support!



LIGHTS FOR LACASA

Decorating for Christmas? Light strings don't work?
**DON'T THROW THEM OUT –
BRING THEM TO CHURCH!**

Deposit your old, worn out, unwanted Christmas lights in the
GREEN BOX labeled:

“SANTA'S LIGHT CREW DONATIONS”

In the church gathering space from now until January 31st.
The materials will be recycled and all funds raised will be used to support LACASA'S efforts to end domestic violence.

Sponsored by St. Mary's RCIA - Questions please call
734-878-2217, ext. 218

THANK YOU ST. MARY

Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome extended to Fr. Palazzolo on his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ,

The Food For The Poor Family

HAM SALE

Boy Scout Annual Ham Sale

Fresh & Smoked Kielbasa, Turkey Breast & Beef Franks

Boy Scouts will be selling Christmas hams after all Masses November 28 thru December 6. Hams will be delivered after Masses on December 12 & 13. To place an order in advance, please call Jennifer Brennan at 734-878-0715.

GIVING TREE

The Christian service team is sponsoring the annual giving tree. The tags represent community families as well as organizations such as Maxey Boys, St. Louis Center, Career Works Opportunity, Pregnancy Helpline as well as the Salvation Army.

Please return the gifts by December 13th.

If you have any questions, please call Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547.



SCHOOL UPDATE

Our students have been hard at work in the art room—check out the artwork displayed outside the art room. The 8th grade will be beginning a free form wire sculpture project. The 7th grade will be beginning their annual Nativity watercolor scenes for Mrs. Dzombak. The 6th grade is finishing a watercolor landscape based on the artist Paul Klee. The 5th grade is hard at work with their Native American Dream Catchers. The 4th grade has started a post-Impressionistic project—pointillism. The 3rd grade is working on sunset contour paintings with watercolor. The 2nd grade will begin a self-portrait project based on Pablo Picasso. The 1st grade will be finishing up a lion jungle collage. The Kindergarten will be finishing their angel drawings. Lastly, the PM Preschoolers will be making turkeys for Thanksgiving.



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.

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

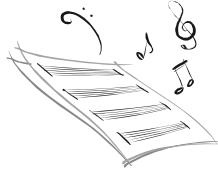
On the Song of the Church

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Why do Christians sing when they are together? The reason is, quite simply, because in singing together it is possible for them to speak and pray the same word at the same time; in other words, because here they can unite in the word.

There should be singing not only at devotions but regular times of the day or week. The more we sing, the more joy we will derive from it, but, above all, the more devotion and discipline and joy we put into our singing, the richer will be the blessing that will come to the whole life of the fellowship from singing together.

It is the voice of the church that is heard in singing together. It is not you that sings; it is the church that is singing, and you, as a member of the church, may share in its song. Thus all singing together that is right must serve to widen our spiritual horizon, make us see our little company as a member of the great Christian Church on earth, and help us willingly and gladly to join our singing, be it feeble or good, to the song of the church.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 12th

9am – 11am

Kids bring Mom & Dad for a fun-filled morning with Santa.



- + Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
- + Christmas Crafts
- + Visit with Santa

For information call Santa's Helper at 734-878-0418.

If you are able please bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots!

Sponsored by St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council #11761

Report for November 23, 2009

Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> 07/01/09 –11/23/09
Offertory	\$ 10,673.01	\$ 291,452.92
Operating Budget Reqmnt	<u>\$ 13,349.04</u>	<u>\$ 280,329.84</u>
Variance	\$ (2,676.03)	\$ 11,123.08
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 388.00	\$ 21,640.77
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 187,575.00
Mortgage Amount Paid Shortfall		<u>\$ 50,000.00</u> \$ (137,575.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!

THE NUTCRACKER

Celebrating its 24th season, the original Livingston County Nutcracker is back by popular demand. Fountain Dance Ministry, formerly Brighton City Ballet, is happy to present two live shows of the cherished Christmas classic. Performances are scheduled for the Jane Tasch Performing Arts Theatre in Pinckney and planned for Saturday, December 5 at 2:00pm and Sunday, December 6 at 2:00pm. Tickets are available for purchase at two convenient locations: Beverly Rae's in downtown Brighton and also at Busch's on M-36 in Pinckney. Ticket prices are \$20 (adult) and \$17 (child/teen/senior). All seats reserved; cash or check only. For further information, please contact Fountain Dance Ministry (810)229-7690.



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, Steven Whoolery

RAFFLE

Thank you in advance for selling your tickets. We pull the first winner for the 2010 raffle in 5 weeks! They make great presents; stocking stuffers, birthdays, anniversaries, etc... Ticket sellers must be 18 years of age or older. Anyone 18 or older may purchase a raffle ticket for someone under 18. The person under 18 will receive the prize money.

Return your raffle ticket stubs and money to the raffle ticket box in the hallway, the collection basket, or drop off at the parish office. We have extra tickets available to sell, if interested contact the parish office.

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, November 22, 2009:

\$25 winners-
Nathan Vogt
Pat Laws
Alice Czaja
Denise Wietcha
Julie Fegan
Linda Nowak
John Mondro



CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The youth will be selling Christmas Wreaths after Masses on December 12-13. We will not be taking orders. Products will be available for purchase the day of the sale.

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!

Date:	Time:	Event:
12/02	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Meeting
12/02	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
12/05	9:00am-7:00pm	Christmas Bazaar
12/06	8:30am-12:30pm	Community Breakfast
12/09	6:45pm-9:00pm	Youth Group-Community Reconciliation

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

Middle School Youth Group!

Date:	Time:	Event:
12/01	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Meeting
12/01	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
12/05	9:00am-7:00pm	Christmas Bazaar
12/06	8:30am-12:30pm	Community Breakfast
12/08	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
12/09 (Wed)	6:45pm-9:00pm	Youth Group-Community Reconciliation

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

Truth in Beauty- December 5, 2009

Two shows: 1-4pm or 6-9pm

The Courtyard By Marriott, Brighton

Tickets: \$20.00 each.

All proceeds benefit Pregnancy Helpline.

Modesty, purity, and self-worth ~ A day for Mothers and Daughters or youth groups to connect young women with the truth about beauty. Interactive, fun and engaging presentations and a dessert buffet. This is a great opportunity to make memories that will last a life-time while reinforcing Godly principles. Seating is limited, call today to reserve your spot 810.225.9200.

OPEN ENROLLMENT –

Medicare's Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D)

Starts 11/15/09 - 12/31/09

with coverage starting 1/1/10!

It is important to research the different plans, even if you are currently enrolled in 2009, as the plans change or your medication needs may have changed. You may apply on-line at www.socialsecurity.gov or call 800-772-1213. For assistance with selecting a plan and filling out the application or for more information, please contact Patty or Linda at Livingston County Catholic Social Services at 800-489-6107.

Riverside Pizza Fundraiser

Got Pizza?

Need to feed that crave?

Don't wait for the weekend!

The 1st Wednesday of the month
(that's this Wednesday - December 2nd)

from 4-9pm Riverside Pizza will donate 15% of their sales back to St. Mary School, and give the winning class a pizza party!

When you are ordering just let them know that you are a St. Mary family and what class you would like to get credit for the order. It's that easy!

All funds raised will go towards our technology fund as we are trying to raise money for new computers.

Riverside Pizza 734-426-0800

9310 McGregor Road

WALK FOR WARMTH

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) has currently expended all 2009 Walk for Warmth funds used to assist families experiencing utility bill problems. We are very concerned that there will be families that will have their utilities shut off.

OLHSA has set *Saturday, February 13, 2010* for its 20th Annual Walk for Warmth fundraiser at the Hartland Education Support Service Center (the old high school) on 9525 Highland Rd., Howell from 9 a.m. until 11:30am.

The Walk for Warmth fund helps Livingston County families turn their heat back on in the cold winter months. Many Livingston County families and elderly are currently struggling to pay their heating bills or have already received heat shut off notices.

Donations can be made directly to OLHSA, Walk for Warmth, 2300 E Grand River, Suite 107, Howell, MI 48843, or www.OLHSA.org. **We have exhausted our funds from 2009, so early donations are encouraged and very much appreciated.**

Walk teams are encouraged this year. Teams have a lot of fun and receive special attention. Grab your neighbors, your bowling team, or your scout troop and make this year's an event to remember.

KNIGHTS KORNER

Schedule of Events - December 2009

Eucharistic Adoration—Dec 4, 11, 18

Christmas Card Sales—Dec 5, 6

General Business—Dec 8*

Breakfast with Santa—Dec 12

Kans for Kids—Dec 19, 20

Officers Meeting—Jan 6*

*Subject to Change

Visit us @ glmikofc.org

MASS INTENTIONS –Nov. 29 – Dec. 6

Sunday, November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

9:00am: In Memory of George & Margaret Watts, Sr.
by George, Laurie, & Meggan Watts
11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, November 30 – St. Andrew

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, December 1

9:00am: Communion Service
5:00pm: In Honor of Lori Hall by Family

Wednesday, December 2

9:00am: In Memory of Tom & Dorothy Wetherbee
by Family

Thursday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier

9:00am: In Honor of Nellie Schebrat
by Norb Rickelmann Family

Friday, December 4 – St. John of Damascus

9:00am: In Memory of Sharon Smith by Rosary Altar
Society

Saturday, December 5

8:30am: In Honor of Fr. William Wegher
by Dan Hall Family
5:00pm: In Memory of Dawn Leisk by Fran McLaughlin

Sunday, December 6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00am: For Our Parish
11:30am: In Memory of Ervin Nemeth by Family

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

November 30-December 1: B. Rea, G. Wizgird
December 7: B. Rea

WEEKLY READINGS – Nov 29 – Dec 6

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-42/Lk 21:25-28,34-36
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/ Mt 7:21,24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21,23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

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

First Sunday of Advent

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another. -See Luke 21:34

LAY MINISTERS – December 5-6

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. Wack, B. Corwin
9:00am: S. Kuschel, A. Shmina
11:30am: J. Bartek, L. Read

Ushers

5:00pm: B. Beck, B. Denome, W. Peltier, T. Kenny, P. Carney, B. Outwater
9:00am: B. Backlund, J. Polich, J. Muller, N. Rickelmann, J. Frost, T. Wilson
11:30am: M. Charboneau, M. Corwin, J. Kukalis, B. Sabo, J. Streu, B. Tinlin

Greeters

5:00pm: M. Hinkle
9:00am: P. Gabli
11:30am: W. Brown

Altar Servers

5:00pm: L. Jasinski(cross), S. Wack, K. Wack
9:00am: K. Nagy(cross), S. Langford, G. Redpath
11:30am: T. Wilson(cross), T. Wilson, P. Rutkowski

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.
9:00am: Please sign up.
11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

Linens – November: C. Kiel, A. Reilly

December: F. Kinsey, L. Lavey

Cleaning the Altar – Nov/Dec: J. Helmboldt

Collection Counters

November 30: H. Menosky, N. Rickelmann, S. Cowdrey
December 7: M. Glynn, M. Ulman, R. Layman

Bulletin articles are due Tuesday at noon!