



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent and wear the color "rose," we realize how quickly the celebration of Christ's coming is upon us. I encourage you to take some time to pray and really get ready. There are still some reconciliation services in our area.

Many, many thanks to all the individuals and organizations who worked so hard this past weekend. With food baskets and assistance to go out this week, there is still plenty to do.

Blessed Advent,
Fr. Bill Wegher

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2009

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

THANK YOU

The Rosary Altar Society would like to express our deepest thanks and appreciation to the crafters and vendors, and for all who helped, supported and prayed for a successful Christmas Bazaar.

Special thanks go to Lavey Insurance for donating the printing of our raffle tickets. To the St. Mary Men's Club, Knights of Columbus, and the Youth Group and Confirmation Class (under the watchful eyes of Rebecca Keiser, Rosemary Gass, Maryanne Wick and parents) with helping with set-up, assisting the crafters, helping in the kitchen, and the take down of the show. Many crafters commented on liking our show because of the students helping them. To the two girls who helped with getting refreshments to the crafters. To all parishioners who donated baked items, jewelry and craft items and to Dan Hall for putting a sign up at his business. One last thank you is extended to Father Bill, the church office staff, Veronica Kinsey with the school staff and the maintenance staff for all your much needed help. If we didn't have everyone's help, this event could not have happened.

It is an honor to say thank you to two talented women in the parish who also keep doing Gods beautiful work. June Darrow made and donated the quilt which was won by Phyllis Williams and Jan Hollister made and donated the afghan which was won by Sara Finger. The Rosary Altar Society donated two \$100.00 gift card to Beck's Marathon which was won by Mary Ann Meilak and Diane Meyers.

With everyone's helping hands our Society can continue to take care of our Blessed Church. Thank you all and a Blessed Christmas and New Year from the Rosary Altar Society.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU FROM THE MEN'S CLUB

Without question the events of this past weekend showed our parish at its finest. Beginning with the Bazaar on Saturday and culminating with the "Community Christmas Breakfast" on Sunday our parish demonstrated to our community that we live the Stewardship we profess. On Sunday almost 400 breakfasts were served and we still have contributions coming in from those unable to attend. The Men's Club wishes to express our appreciation for the generosity of the local businesses, our many patrons, the talented Marilyn Moltane as Mrs. Claus, our artistic friends at Oddzin Ends, our photographer Sarah Jane Hurtubise and last but certainly not least the Altar Society, the Youth Group and the many volunteers who worked unselfishly to ensure the success of the event. We thank you all for your time, your support and your love. God Bless You.

CHRISTMAS ADORATION SCHEDULE

Repose: Wednesday, December 23rd at 5pm
Resume: Sunday, December 27th at 12:30pm

NEW YEAR - Regular schedule no interruptions!

ATTENTION:

Due to inclement weather School Closing & Parish Office Closing

The offices will observe the following hours during school closings:

- School Office, Day Care, & Latchkey: Closed
- Parish Office: Open at 12 noon (if possible)
- The morning Mass/Communion Service will be cancelled.
- The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed. However, the chapel will remain open.
- The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed the following morning after Mass.
- Evening Events: If weather conditions persist all evening events will be cancelled.

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.

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 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.

Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

Religious Education K-8

12/13 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)

12/20 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)

12/27-01/03 No Class

01/10 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)

1st Reconciliation

12/13 10:15-11:20pm Class and Parent Meeting

12/20 10:15-11:20pm Class

12/27-01/03 No Class

01/10 10:15-11:20pm Class and Parent Meeting

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

Confirmation

Advent Celebration and Caroling Service Today!

12:45pm-3:00pm

Next Session: 01/10/10 Formation Session



Family Life Night Tuesday December 15, 2009

Mass: 5:00pm

Dinner Served: 5:30-7:00pm

Prayer Service and Spiritual Entre: 6:15pm and 6:45pm

Activities: 5:30-7:30pm (no open gym this month)

What's Cookin'?

Tempt your taste buds - Turkey, Marvelous
Mashed Potatoes, Savory stuffing (or dressing if
you will), Crisp Corn, rolls, fresh salad and
Delicious Dessert!

We can't wait to break bread with you! Come
share in fellowship and have some fun!

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Help St. Mary School raise much needed money to go
towards the operating expenses and the cost of keeping
tuition rates down. We are looking for Volunteers to work a
few hours at the Shark Club in Howell in January. There are
2 shifts per night and we need 2 people to cover each shift.
Shifts go from 4:45-9pm and 8:50pm-2am. It is a great way
to have fun with a friend or your spouse while still raising
much needed funds for the school. The duties include
"selling" the initial buy-in chips, counting and recording the
house take every so often, and recording the final numbers on
state forms. The dates and times needed are:

January 5th: 4:45 – 1 Person
8:50 – 1 Person

January 6th: 4:45 – 2 People

January 7th: All Positions Open

January 8th: 4:45 – 1

Person

January 17th: 8:50 – 2 People

January 18th: 8:50 – 2 People

January 19th: All Positions Open

January 20th: 4:45 – 1 Person

8:50 – 1 Person

Please consider helping for this much needed fundraiser.
If you are able to help, please contact Amy Salowitz at
rwsalowitz@yahoo.com or call the school office at 734-878-
5616.

Sincerely, Veronica Kinsey

HAVE YOU SEEN 'THE JACKET'?

WHAT: St. Mary 2010 Traveling Jacket. One of a kind
embroidered Columbia fleece jacket.

WHERE: On display and seeking donations at St. Mary
School & Parish events.

WHEN: Now thru Auction Night (April 17, 2010)

WHY: To create an item for the Live Auction and to
provide the winning bidder with cash!

HOW TO DONATE: Stuff 'the jacket' with cash donations
(dollars, \$10, \$20, \$100, or any bill amount) whenever you
see it on display.

HOW TO WIN: Bid on 'the jacket' and unknown amount
of cash stuffed into the jacket at the Live Auction. Winning
bidder receives jacket and the unknown amount of cash!

Fleece Full of Funds!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

St. Mary Men's Club will be preparing and delivering Christmas Baskets to area families this season. Please contact the parish office with family details. Our Men's Club is asking for money donations and your assistance in preparing and delivering the baskets. Please help us in any way that you can. Non-perishable food items may be left in the gathering space, money contributions can be labeled "Christmas Baskets" and placed in the Sunday collection, or you may drop off any of these donations to the parish office. The baskets are scheduled to be made on Friday, December 18th with delivery on Saturday, December 19th.

RAFFLE

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.

Thank you in advance for selling your tickets. We pull the first winner for the 2010 raffle in just 3 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.

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, December 6, 2009:

\$100- Sandra Hayes
 \$25- Carol Robbins (sold \$100 winner)
 \$25 winners-
 Wayne Stevens
 Donna Bailey
 Jan Helmboldt
 Gary & Laura Turner
 Chuck Westfall
 Tammie Tucker
 Nancy Myer

MEN'S SPEAKER NIGHT

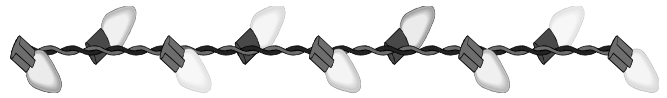
December 17th at St. Patrick Parish, Brighton
IT'S A MIRACLE!

To a parishioner who was slowly dying of pulmonary fibrosis, a miracle would be needed to replace his lungs that were degenerating and scarring within his own body. Could a double lung transplant donor be found in time to provide the miracle of life? Come and hear Mr. Dave Cooney share his personal journey about the miracle of faith through his most difficult moments. Fellowship begins in McCann Hall at 7:30 p.m. (following the Mass at 7:00 p.m. in Chapel); introduction of the featured December speaker begins at 7:45 p.m.



Christmas Wreaths!

The youth will be selling **Christmas Wreaths after Masses this weekend!** Last chance to get your beautiful, fragrant wreath that will be the envy of your neighborhood!



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



St. Mary Euchre Party

Please join us for the first Euchre Party of the New Year! Saturday, January 16th at 7:00pm.

\$10 per person.

Remember to bring a dish to share, drinks are provided. No

advance ticket sales, pay at the door.

Questions: Julie Kukalis 810-231-0623

Report for December 7, 2009

Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> 07/01/09 –12/07/09
Offertory	\$ 16,048.15	\$ 322,151.33
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ <u>13,349.04</u>	\$ <u>307,027.92</u>
Variance	\$ 2,699.11	\$ 15,123.41
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 1,651.89	\$ 24,332.16
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 187,575.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		\$ <u>50,000.00</u>
Shortfall		\$ (137,575.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!



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

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:
12/16	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group~Christmas Celebration
12/23-12/30		No Youth Group
01/06/10	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
01/08	7:00pm-10:00pm	Youth Friday Night Party

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:
12/15	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group~Christmas Celebration
12/22-12/29		No Youth Group
01/05/10	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
01/08	7:00pm-10:00pm	Youth Friday Night Party

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

Livingston County's Third Annual Community Connect

A free one-day event to help people in need find assistance and information

Saturday, January 30th ~ 9am - 2pm

Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church,
9455 Hilton Road, Brighton, MI
Housing Information~Food Assistance~Legal
Consultation~Clothing~Books For Kids~Benefit
Information~ Haircuts~ Lunch~Live
Entertainment~Giveaways

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many volunteers are needed to serve as **Greeters**, **Event Guides**, **Facility Maintenance**, **Set-Up**, **Take-Down**, and **Guest Support Volunteers** - to greet, welcome, provide directions, help guests find the right resources, and keep the facilities safe and clean for everyone. The event will offer other opportunities to assist, such as serving the meal, childcare, helping at the entrance and exit, handing out personal care items, etc. No prior experience in working with homeless individuals or with human service agencies is required.

You can make a difference in the lives of others! To request a volunteer form visit St. Mary's website: www.stmarypinckney.org or contact the parish office. Forms must be completed by **Monday, January 11, 2010**.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Livingston County Catholic Social Services (LCCSS) would like to THANK everyone for their support throughout the year, whether it is prayers, time, treasures or talents. We feel so blessed to have you all join us in our mission of serving those in need. You truly DO make a difference in the lives of those hurting! Please accept our prayers for all of you for a very Blessed Christmas and New Years!

The Board, Co-workers and Clients of LCCSS

COUPLE TO COUPLE

For engaged and married couples wanting to learn some practical aspects of living a chaste and holy life within their marriage covenant, The Couple to Couple League (CCL) will be offering a series of Natural Family Planning (NFP) classes, beginning in January. The cost of materials for each series is \$135.00 per couple, which includes the manual, *The Art of Natural Family Planning*, a thermometer, charts, a workbook, CCL membership, and the CCL newsletter. Any interested engaged or married couple should pre-register. Class details follow:

- Beginning Saturday, January 9, 2010. Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. Location: Christ the King in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This NFP series will be taught by Albert and Becky Faraj, a CCL Certified Teaching Couple, and the dates for this entire class-series include Jan. 9, Feb. 13, and March. 13. Please pre-register. Interested couples may go online at www.ccli.org to locate the classes nearest them and to register. If you have any questions, contact Albert or Becky at ccl.annarbor@gmail.com or at 734-994-3999.

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 or for more information, please contact Patty or Linda at Livingston County Catholic Social Services at 800-489-6107.

WALK FOR WARMTH

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. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS – Dec.13 - 20

Sunday, December 13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00am: In Memory of Ebe Hennigan

By George, Laurie & Meggan Watts

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, December 15

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Memory of Joseph Paliwoda

By Cecelia Paliwoda

Wednesday, December 16

9:00 am: In Memory of Ed Liebert by Tom & Joanne Czubaj

Thursday, December 17

9:00am: In Memory of the deceased members of the

Kurdziel Family by Family

Friday, December 18

9:00am: In Memory of Mrs. Miriam Gilligan

By Tom & Joyce Wilson

Saturday, December 19

8:30am: In Memory of Bob LaPrad by Katie Hoard

5:00pm: In Memory of Rose Gniewek & Family

By Susan Katon

Sunday, December 20 –4th Sunday of Advent

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Rose Ciesliga by Al Ciesliga

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

December 14-15: B. Rea, J. Wilson

December 21-22: B. Rea, D. Hall

WEEKLY READINGS – Dec 13 - 19

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Ps (Is 12)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

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, Justin Meats, Paula Nedela, Joan Tinlin

STEWARDSHIP CORNER -Third Sunday of Advent

"Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to you Word." We are – all of us – the handmaids and men of our Lord. We have been created for His purpose, and only when we accept that, and allow the Lord to do with us as He desires, will we be truly happy and satisfied. May we come to know the Lord more and more, and believe, as Mary did, that ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH OUR GOD.

LAY MINISTERS – December 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, L. Lichwala

9:00am: D. Leonard, S. Wild

11:30am: R. Gonze, K. Storemski

Ushers

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

P. Carney, B. Outwater

9:00am: R. Kuczajda, J. Polich, J. Muller, N. Rickelmann,

B. Wetzel, T. Wilson

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: A. & B. Mayer

Altar Servers

5:00pm: L. Jasinski (Cross), A. Jasinski, J. Wing

9:00am: E. Hayes (Cross), D. Hayes, L. Hall

11:30am: J. Callaghan (Cross), M. Schmidt, A. Sullivan

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

Linens – December: F. Kinsey, L. Lavey

Cleaning the Altar – Dec: J. Helmboldt

Collection Counters

December 14: S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski,

S. Cowdrey, M. Glynn

December 21: A. Martin, M. Ulman, S. Walton, G. Aten

**Bulletin articles are due Tuesday,
December 15th at 12noon for December
20th, 27th, & January 3rd editions!**

Thank you!