



NEW YEAR
SCHEDULE 2009-2010

December 31

5pm Vigil ~ Mary, Mother of God

Mother of God ~ HOLY DAY

January 1: 10:00am

The parish office will be open a 1/2 day on New Year's Eve & closed on New Year's Day.

Happy New Year!

**RINGING & SINGING
IN THE NEW YEAR**

On January 3, 2010, the Men's Club is sponsoring a "Ringing and Singing in the New Year" Country Style Breakfast in the multi-purpose room. Breakfast is served 8:30am until 11am and is a free-will donation. Proceeds are to help support the Music Ministry at the parish. 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." Musical guests and raffles add to the festivities. Everyone is welcome! For further information call the parish office 734-878-3161.



Dear Parishioners,

I don't know how it happened, but I guess it's time to say, "Happy New Year." This past year has gone by so rapidly, I can hardly believe it. As we begin a new year, let us try to be healthier, happier, and more holy. Let us try to live our stewardship prayer, making our parish all that we want it to be. In the post-holiday season, may you find some peace and quiet, a chance to unwind, and maybe even time to pray a little. Reach out to someone you haven't seen or spoken to in a while. Make an extra effort to say "hello," "thank you," and all those other things that can make a person's day. May our economy rebound, people find jobs, and all of us have a blessed year.

You know you have my prayers,
Fr. Bill Wegher

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 27: NO CLASS**
- January 3: NO CLASS**
- January 10: Baptism 10:15-11:15am**
- January 17: Confirmation 12:45-1:45pm**
- January 24: Eucharist 12:45-1:45pm**
- January 30: Reconciliation 6:15-7:15pm**

***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.**

RAFFLE

We pull the first winner for the 2010 raffle in just one week! There are more chances to win bigger prizes this year. Return your raffle ticket stubs and money ASAP 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.



Save the Date!
Family Life Night
Tuesday
January 19, 2010

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

12/27-01/03 No Class
01/10 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)

1st Reconciliation

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

Next Session: 01/10/10 Formation Session

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



St. Mary Euchre Party

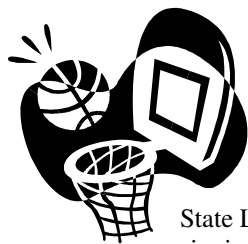
Please join us for the first Euchre Party of the New Year! Saturday, January 16th at 7:00pm \$10 per person Remember to bring a dish to share, drinks are provided.

No advance ticket sales, pay at the door.
Questions: Julie Kukalis 810-231-0623

HOMELESS NIGHT

The Christian Service team is looking for help again this year to feed and chaperone the homeless through the REACH program. The host church is Community Congregational Church in Pinckney. We need dinner and breakfast meals as well as MANY people to chaperone for the overnight hours. The dates are 1/18, 1/24, 1/28 and 1/30. Please contact Marti Willacker if you are interested in helping with this ministry 734-498-2435 or mlwillacker@yahoo.com

FREE THROW CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual free throw shooting contest on Saturday, January 9th in the gym, from 9am to 11:30am. This is open to all boys & girls, ages 9 to 14, in the community. Winners will advance to the District, Diocesan, &

State Level competition with a chance at winning scholarship money. Contact Kevin

Schang @734-878-6902 for more information.

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.

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.

BUILDING FUND

Next Sunday on the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded of the three wise men that followed a glorious star to the place where the Christ child was born. St. Matthew states in his gospel: *"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."* (Matthew 2:11). Please consider sharing your treasure with the Lord by adoring Him with a gift to St. Mary's Building Fund. If you have not already done so please make a great sacrifice and lay your treasure before the Christ Child!

Donations must be received or postmarked by December 31st to be eligible for your 2009 taxes. Please note that the parish office will close at noon on December 31st.

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.

JOIN US FOR A 9 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO "POLAND"

July 11 - July 19, 2010
Visiting the sites of

**St. Faustina –John Paul II – St. Kolbe –
Our Lady of Czestochowa –Auschwitz and more**
(With a 2-night post trip option to Medjugorje)
OFFERING AN "EARLY BIRD"

DISCOUNT OF \$200 until JANUARY 31, 2010

Contact Suzanne Krisak Group Coordinator
at 734-944-1599 – or - 248-931-0194

skrisak@peoplepc.com or www.pilgrimages.com/krisak

**Sponsored by the Spiritual Development Commission
St. Andrew Parish Saline, MI**

KANS FOR KIDS

Collections are way down and Kans for Kids is running a negative balance. Please make an effort to bring your bottles and cans on the 3rd weekend of every month. Our kids are counting on all of you. Or if you can, please make a small donation at the box on the trailer. If you have a donation & forget the weekend or can't make Mass, contact Kevin Schang @734-878-6902 for a special pick-up.

**Joseph, Mary, Jesus, you are the Holy Family
because you never stop loving each other. Fill my
heart and my home with the same love.**

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 follows: **NEW DATE!**

Beginning Saturday, January 16, 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. 16, 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.

HOLIDAY BLUES?

Are the holidays getting you down? Have you lost a special loved one during the past year, and just don't feel like celebrating? Have you lost your job and don't know what the future holds? Life's stresses come at us from all directions! Maybe a Befriender



could help. Sometimes just having an impartial, non-judgemental listening ear makes all the difference. There's no pretending to be cheerful when inside you feel like screaming! For more information on this listening ministry call the parish office at 734-878-3161. Your name will be referred confidentially to one of our coordinators.



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



**Due to the Christmas
publication deadline, the
collection will not be listed in
this weekend's bulletin.**

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>
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!

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
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



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

Are you drowning in debt? Living paycheck to paycheck? Facing today's economy with a spirit of fear? Then Financial Peace University is for you! FPU is a Biblically-based small group study with videos featuring Christian financial counselor Dave Ramsey. Christ the King Catholic Church in Ann Arbor is once more offering this popular 13-week seminar beginning Monday, Jan. 18, 7-9 p.m., with an optional free preview on Monday, Jan. 4, 7-8 p.m. in the Parish Center. It's great for young adults, singles, engaged and married couples--anyone looking for help managing their money in these difficult times. The lifetime membership allows you to repeat part or all of the class at any location offering FPU at any time! One class membership covers a single person, or an engaged or married couple; a married couple may bring teens still living at home. Cost, including all materials, is \$100 when obtained through Christ the King. Space is limited. To reserve your seat for the class, register by clicking on the link for FPU at the Christ the King Web site, www.ctkcc.net. Questions? Contact Theresa (734-665-5040 or thofer@ctkcc.net) or Tom and Maria (734-922-3691 or maria.herbel@gmail.com).

Riverside Pizza Fundraiser **Got Pizza?**

Need to feed that crave?
Don't wait for the weekend!

The 1st Wednesday of the month
(**January 6, 2010**)

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

- As Mother of God, Mary bore Jesus into this world. Now, as Jesus' sisters and brothers (*Mark 3:35*), we are called to follow Mary's example and bring the life and love of God to others. How can we be "God-bearers" to our families, our co-workers, our friends? How can we bear Christ into a needy world?
- Mary was open to God's call for her life. Is there something specific God is calling you to do? Have you responded with Mary's 'yes'? If not, what is holding you back?
- Do you feel an inner peace that comes from God? Is there something in your life that makes you feel less than peaceful? If so, can you identify it? Are there steps you can take to alleviate any anxiety you may be feeling?

Holy Spirit, come into my life deeply and powerfully this year.
Fill me with Jesus and his words, as you filled Mary.
Help me to live and proclaim the gospel of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS – Dec. 27 – Jan. 3

Sunday, December 27 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00am: In Memory of Laurie Wizzgird by Family
11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, December 28 – Holy Innocents

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, December 29 – St. Thomas Becket

9:00am: Communion Service

***5:00pm:** No Mass

Wednesday, December 30

***9:00 am:** No Mass

Thursday, December 31 – St. Sylvester I

***9:00am:** No Morning Mass

***5:00pm:** In Memory of George Elliott by Domen Family

Friday, January 1 – The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00am: In Memory of Ed Liebert by Bob & Shari Wild

Saturday, January 2 – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

8:30am: In Memory of Jim Landau by Tim & Diane Hunt

5:00pm: In Memory of Jeffrey Kaminski by Family

Sunday, January 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Josephine Drewniak
By Cecelia Paliwoda

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

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

January 4-5: J. Wilson, G. Wizzgird

WEEKLY READINGS – Dec 27 – Jan 2

Sunday: Sir 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84/Jon 3:1-2, 21-24
/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Rachel Campbell, Ed Cheesman, Dolores Denome,
Sr. Gretchen Elliott, Martha Holley, Linda Landau, Justin
Meats

Due to the printer deadline for the holiday bulletins articles were due December 15. Please submit your upcoming articles and if space/time permits they may be published. January 10th bulletin will resume with normal deadline of January 5th at 12noon.

LAY MINISTERS – January 2 – 3

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: Please sign up if you can serve.

9:00am: Please sign up if you can serve.

11:30am: Please sign up if you can serve.

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: Please sign up if you can serve.

9:00am: Please sign up if you can serve.

11:30am: Please sign up if you can serve.

Ushers

5:00pm: Please sign up if you can serve.

9:00am: Please sign up if you can serve.

11:30am: Please sign up if you can serve.

Greeters

5:00pm: Please sign up if you can serve.

9:00am: Please sign up if you can serve.

11:30am: Please sign up if you can serve.

Altar Servers

5:00pm: Please sign up if you can serve.

9:00am: Please sign up if you can serve.

11:30am: Please sign up if you can serve.

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

January: A. Salowitz, K. Leonard

Cleaning the Altar – January: Helmboldt

Collection Counters

December 28: H. Menosky, R. Miller, J. Darrow,

B. Zielinski

January 4: H. Menosky, N. Rickelmann, S. Cowdrey

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Today's Second Reading is a blueprint for our marriage and family life. "...as God's chosen ones put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, and patience, bearing with one another ...and over all these things put on love." Let this become our way of living and speaking and acting daily. May we remember that love does conquer all. The love of Christ is greater than anything we face, and it is that same love that can and will transform our relationships, marriage, and family. Nothing is too hard for our Lord, and He is a God of resurrection and new life. *Ask, Believe, and Receive* with thanksgiving and praise.