



Dear Parishioners,

So... here we are in the beginning of a New Year. Opportunities for service and learning abound. As I teach adult education in the parish this year, we are offering more "CAFE" - Catholic Adult Faith Education - opportunities. My goal and that of Rebecca Keiser, this semester is to help our catechists be more fully trained to teach our young people. At the same time, anyone from our parish who would like to attend these sessions is most welcome. These classes are a profound understanding of our Catholic faith, so that we too may fully share what we believe with others. The old adage, "You're never too old to learn," specifically applies to our faith.

If you are a catechist, you need to attend. If you are a parish member, you are invited to attend. At the end of 2010, I pray you may know more about your faith and live it more profoundly.

Fr. Bill Wegher

### RAFFLE

It's not too late to turn in your raffle tickets. 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.



### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

**Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am to 11:00am**

A training session has been scheduled for those interested in assisting in Mass as an altar

server. The training will be held Saturday, January 16, 2010, from 9:30am to 11:00am in the worship space. All children grade 4th and older are eligible to serve. Whether you are a student at St. Mary or another school, and whether or not you have served in the past, you are required to attend this meeting. **This training is also open to older children and adults!** If you have questions, or are unable to attend this session, please contact Beth Corwin at 517-518-0703 or send an email to [bethcorwin@yahoo.com](mailto:bethcorwin@yahoo.com).

### 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:

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.

## Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

### Religious Education K-8

01/03 No Class  
 01/10 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)  
1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation  
 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



### FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual free throw shooting contest on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 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

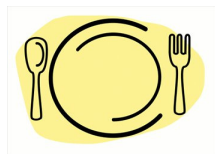
District, Diocesan, & State Level competition with a chance at winning scholarship money. Contact Kevin Schang @734-878-6902 for more information.

### THANK YOU

The words "Thank You" cannot aptly describe the gratitude we feel for those who have helped us serve the hungry and needy this year. When the food pantry was almost empty, everyone stepped up and filled it. The school children and faith formation classes brought in over 700 pounds themselves. When the Men's Club held a breakfast to raise money for us, you turned out in record numbers to support our mission. Those donations made it possible for us to buy items to fill in the gaps for our baskets.

A huge thank you goes to our Men's Club for their continued support and self-less giving. Also to our pantry helpers; Dale Pepper, Sue and Dick Cowdrey, for sacrificing more of their time and talents! You are shining examples for us all! We are constantly humbled by the generosity and love from our St. Mary community. Merry Christmas to all and may God grant you many blessings in the coming New Year.

Lisa Wack, Christian Service Team



## Family Life Night Tuesday January 19, 2010

**Mass: 5:00pm**

**Dinner Served: 5:30-7:00pm**

**Prayer Service & Spiritual Entre: 6:15pm & 6:45pm**

**Activities: 5:30-8:30pm** (Open Gym and other events including Middle School Youth Group)

### **What's Cookin'?**

Marvelous Meatballs with Fluffy Egg Noodles, Irresistible Carrots, Fresh Salad, Hearty Applesauce and Delicious Dessert!

**We can't wait to break bread with you! Come share in fellowship, Faith 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](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

## **KNIGHTS KORNER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS January 2009**

Dec. Officers Meeting—Jan 6

Eucharistic Adoration—Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

Free Throw Contest—Jan 9

Corporate Communion—Jan 9

Clergy Appreciation Dinner—Jan 9

Coffee & Doughnuts—Jan 10, 17, 24

General Business—Jan 12

Fourth Degree Potluck—Jan 14

Kans for Kids—Jan 16,17

Daddy Daughter Dance—Jan 22

Vegas Night—Jan 23

Officers Meeting—Jan 27



### **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

## **Riverside Pizza Fundraiser** **Got Pizza?**

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

The 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
**(January 6th)**

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**

**REMINDER:**  
**Rosary Altar Society Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**7pm Conference Room A**



## **PAMPERED CHEF PARTY**

The Auction Team is hosting a Pampered Chef Party on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 7pm in the multi-use room. **ALL**

**proceeds will go towards the April 17<sup>th</sup> Auction!**  
**Grab your family, friends, & neighbors for a winter evening get away party!**

**The St. Mary 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class will hold a Bake Sale after all Masses on January 16-17!**



## **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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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

## 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](mailto:mlwillacker@yahoo.com)



## CAFÉ

### Catechist Formation Faith Formation for Adults

Winter 2010

The following topics are being offered as Adult Faith Formation and Catechist Formation. Each session is designed to give the participant an understanding of the topic. Teaching suggestions and methods will also be given.

The sessions offered in this series serve two purposes. First, as Catechist Formation Topics, they provide training to devoted volunteer catechists. Catechists are required to work towards a certification through the Diocese of Lansing. Second, as part of CAFÉ, the sessions provide adult faith formation to those who wish to participate. We are all catechists, formally or informally, and are called to pass on the faith. Knowledge is the key.

#### All Sessions are Tuesday's from 7pm-9pm in the Multipurpose Room

Creation and Incarnation Formation Topic # 8	January 26 Presenter: Fr. Bill
Mystery of the Triune God Formation Topic # 7	February 2 Presenter: Fr. Bill
New Testament Gospels Formation Topic # 18	February 9 Presenter: Fr. Bill
New Testament Epistles Formation Topic # 19	February 23 Presenter: Fr. Bill
Mary & the Saints Formation Topic #10	March 2 Presenter: Fr. Bill
Managing Student Behavior Formation Topic # 5	March 9 Presenter: Rebecca Keiser

Please contact the parish office to register.  
Sessions are offered free of charge to  
**St. Mary Parishioners**  
and for \$7.00 per session for non-parishioners.  
**Registration is highly recommended  
to ensure we have enough materials.**



### St. Mary Euchre Party

Please join us for the first  
Euchre Party of the New Year!  
Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
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

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



### Livingston County's Third Annual Community Connect

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

**Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 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](http://www.stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office. Forms must be completed by **Monday, January 11, 2010.**

# 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>
01/06/10	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Meeting
01/06/10	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
01/08	7:00pm-10:00pm	Youth Friday Night Party
01/13	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group

If you have any questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

## Middle School Youth Group!

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
01/05/10	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Meeting
01/05/10	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
01/08	7:00pm-10:00pm	Youth Friday Night Party
01/12	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group

If you have any questions please call Rebecca at 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or email [rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:rkeiser@stmarypinckney.org)

## PAR-TAY!!

### Friday Night Party

January 8<sup>th</sup>!

Open Gym, Music and Games!  
Grades 6-12 Invited!



Just sign in at the door with an emergency number. **Please enter and exit at the back of the building by the chapel.**

**Time:** 7-10 pm

**Cost:** beverage and snack to share.

## New Year Thoughts!

The new calendar year is here! After a period of waiting and preparation for our Savior during Advent I pray we are all filled with hope. I am! During the New Year I find myself often reflecting on Isaiah 40:31 "They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint."

The hope for the New Year is exciting and fresh. I pray we all become energized to continue to do His work and build not only our community, but the greater community around us and further.

It's a time for resolutions and promises to those we love including ourselves. I'm planning on focusing on the positive aspects to my resolutions.

I hope all of you continue to feel a sense of hope as this year progresses. May your year be filled with many blessings and joyful memories!

Love, Rebecca

## A New Year Prayer

Holy Father,

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.

Thank You for the year behind us  
and for the year ahead.

Help us in Your new year, Father,  
to fret less and laugh more.

To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them.

Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem,  
He came for us.

So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.

That we could share Love with others.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song  
in every sunrise,

in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,

in the stories of our old folks,

and the fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,

so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.

Thank You for another new year

and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope,

that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Epiphany of the Lord

God drew the Magi to his Son with a compelling sign, a brilliant new star in the night sky. What compelling signs has God used in your life to draw you closer to him?

The Magi recognized Jesus, the Son of God, as a small baby in a humble setting. Recall a specific situation in which you recognized the presence of Jesus. What was it that made you 'see' Christ?

God wants to save all his people and bring them into his body, the church. Intercede on behalf of the church leaders and for all members of the church, that they would be inspired to commit themselves to the work of building the kingdom. Pray especially for your own parish.

Lord, let the seed of your grace in us blossom  
into your perfect plan for your church.

May we reflect this plan more fully each day  
so that your glory will shine to all the nations.

## MASS INTENTIONS – Jan. 3 - 10

### **Sunday, January 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

**9:00am:** For Our Parish

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

### **Monday, January 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

### **Tuesday, January 5 – St. John Neumann**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

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

### **Wednesday, January 6 – Bl. Andre Bessett**

**9:00 am:** In Memory of Patricia Lichwala by Family

### **Thursday, January 7 – St. Raymond of Penafort**

**9:00am:** In Honor of Jan Helmboldt

By Norb & Mary Rickelmann

### **Friday, January 8**

**9:00am:** In Honor of Joe & Ruth Miller by Sue Landau

### **Saturday, January 9**

**8:30am:** In Honor of Dolores Denome by Liz Saines

**5:00pm:** In Honor of Fr. Bill Wegher by K of C

### **Sunday, January 10 – The Baptism of the Lord**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Robert Phipps by Family

**11:30am:** For Our Parish

## COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

**January 4-5:** J. Wilson, G. Wizgird

**January 11-12:** J. Wilson, T. Burke

## WEEKLY READINGS – Jan. 3 - 9

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 32-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72/Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5: 14-21/Ps 149/Jn 3:22-30

## 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, Jean Sheptoski

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 10<sup>th</sup> bulletin will resume with normal deadline of January 5<sup>th</sup> at 12noon.

*May you have a Blessed New Year!*

## LAY MINISTERS – January 9 - 10

### **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 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:** K. Schang, D. Schroeder

**9:00am:** P. Clough, P. White

**11:30am:** G. Mable, L. Mable

### **Ushers**

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

**9:00am:** B. Backlund, Jr., B. Wetzel, R. Kuczajda,  
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:** Meldrum Family

### **Altar Servers**

**5:00pm:** C. O'Brien (Cross), M. Pescrillo, J. Peltier

**9:00am:** M. LeVasseur (Cross), T. LeVasseur, D. Hunter

**11:30am:** J. Birdsong (Cross), J. Mable, S. Ortiz

### **Offertory Gifts**

**5:00pm:** Knights of Columbus

**9:00am:** Please sign up.

**11:30am:** Please sign up.

### **Home Chalice Program**

Please sign up.

**Linens – January:** A. Salowitz, K. Leonard

**Cleaning the Altar – January:** Jan Helmboldt

### **Collection Counters**

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

**January 11:** M. Glynn, R. Layman, S. Cowdrey

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will *I* go and what will *I* offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?