



Dear Parishioners,

While the priests are celebrating a number of First Reconciliation services throughout our county, there finally seems a bit of time to relax, catch up, and simply get things done. It is refreshing! I would invite you to Family Life Night this week. It's a good post-holiday time to get a hot meal, and enjoy some warm company. I hope you have noticed that the light is slowly returning, and that should make us all happy.

Peace and prayers, Fr. Bill Wegher

**Did you enjoy the MOTOWN MARDI GRAS?  
Do you like to plan parties? Are you the  
Host(ess) with the Most(est)?**

Well there is a party just waiting to be planned and we can't wait to enjoy your spin on the "Heart" theme.

We are looking for a volunteer or a few to lead in planning. This year's Mardi Gras Party will be February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Call today! 734-878-2217 ext. 203 ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

**Family Life Night Tuesday, January 19**

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

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

**Activities:** 5:30-8:30pm

**What's Cookin'?**

**HOMEMADE** 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!**

**SPECIAL GUESTS  
AT FAMILY LIFE NIGHT!**

We welcome **everyone** as our special guest at Family Life Nights. Join us next Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> for food, fellowship, fun, and faith, here at Jesus' house. This is a wonderful way to begin a new year, sitting down as a family (or individual) to eat dinner with other families (or individuals) of faith.

A delicious meal is being served from 5:30-7:00 p.m. If available to attend 5:00 p.m. Mass, your evening can begin with the nourishment of love itself, Jesus in the Eucharist. The Mass is one half hour long and then dinner is ready in the multi-purpose room, where we can share food and the love of Christ in fellowship with our sisters and brothers of our community.

Every month this year we are highlighting one of the seven sacraments. The sacrament of Confirmation is the theme this Tuesday, and we are personally inviting people from each ministry here at our parish to be present as examples of confirmed members of the Catholic Church who are living out the faith they profess through service to our parish. We have a character artist coming to do drawings of people to be displayed on a banner showing the different roles in parish life. Join the fun and get into the act. Also in the way of fun, there are activities for children, gym time, and middle school youth group scheduled.

We pray grace before meals together in the multi-purpose room at 5:30 p.m. and then it is prayed individually after that. Our prayer after the meal is a short prayer service (10-15 minutes) and includes a short lesson, in the worship space at two different times: 6:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Just as we wouldn't go to grandma's house for dinner and not spend any time with her, we should never come to Jesus' house and not take time to say, "Hello and thank you." We are His special guests and He waits for us in the tabernacle. Confirmed in faith, let's celebrate at Family Life Night!

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

As long time advocates of health care reform, the US Catholic Bishops continue to make the moral case that genuine health care reform must protect the life, dignity, consciences and health of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Health care reform should not advance a pro-abortion agenda in our country. For further information visit the Diocese of Lansing website and download the form <http://dioceseoflansing.org/bishop/index.html>.

**Announcing: The St. Mary School  
Day Care Program**

**Great news that will make the lives of Pinckney parents easier! St. Mary School is offering Day Care for 3- to 5-year-old children.**

The Day Care Program will provide parents several care options for their preschool-age child. Children **DO NOT** need to be enrolled in St. Mary Preschool in order to take advantage of the Day Care Program. The program fees will be assessed by the day or session (morning, afternoon or all day) to give parents the flexibility that fits their busy schedule. The Day Care program will focus on exploring children's interests and developing empathy for others. Parents can learn more details about this great program by calling the school office at 734-878-5616 or emailing [mrsabbott@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:mrsabbott@stmarypinckney.org).

**RAFFLE**

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. There are still many chances to win. On February 7<sup>th</sup> we pull out a \$100 winner. And our first \$500 give away is April 4<sup>th</sup>. We have extra tickets available to sell, if interested contact the parish office.

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, January 10, 2010:

\$25 winners-

Perr Meyers

Bob Zdanowski

Cathy Glaser

Brad & Debbie Miller

Harry & Tana Louria

## THANK YOU

Thank you Fr. Wegher & St. Mary Families,

We would like to thank you and all the parishioners of St. Mary's for your generous Christmas donation of self-care items, batteries, and kitchen supplies to St. Louis Center. Your kindness was appreciated by all of us. You and your families will be kept in our prayers and the prayers of our children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Being aware that the economy is not at its best, that makes your donation even more greatly appreciated because it represents your willingness to share even during times of hardships.

Thank you again for your support and generosity. May you and your families have a peaceful and rewarding New Year with God's Blessings.

Sincerely, Fr. Enzo Addair, SdC

## 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!

## A WARM FAITH-FILLED EVENING

The annual Fireside Chat event at the Bread of Life Retreat Residence is being held on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at 7 p.m. This year's special guests are Fr. Dennis Brown of the Oblates of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Mr. Gary Michuta, Catholic author and apologist. Share an evening beside the fire in lively conversation on our Catholic faith, while we enjoy specialty coffees/teas and elegant desserts. Suggested donation is \$50 per person. Space is limited. Call 734/332-9733 to RSVP by January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving to all our St. Mary Parish Family!

Your prayers and concerns, phone calls, cards, and visits surround me as I go through the healing process of this heart surgery. God gives me the grace to be ever thankful for all your prayers and gifts of love. I hope this gratitude will inspire me to pray for you all and let the love that fills my heart descend on you. God's peace & love, Dolores Denome

### Fundraiser for Rainbow Homes

Christian supported living for adults with cognitive disAbilities in Holt  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction & Dinner  
Saturday, February 6, 2010

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Lansing

Tickets are \$30.00 a person

Contact Joann at 517-740-0293

[jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:jdavis@dioceseoflansing.org)

## LAS VEGAS NIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

7:00pm - 12:00 midnight

Sponsored by Council 11761



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Admission:** \$3.00

**Games:** BlackJack, Craps, Roulette, Poker, Let-It-Ride, and open-play Texas Hold 'Em, plus a new Michigan Game Raffle

**Win:** Cash Prizes (limit of \$500 per person)

**Available:** Hot Food, Cash Bar (Beer & Wine)

**Free:** Popcorn and Coffee

**Smoking:** Smoke Free Facility with separate smoking area available

### Special Event

**Turbo Texas Hold 'Em Tournament**

Registration starts 6:45pm

Dealing starts 7:15pm

\$55 Buy-In Ticket

1 Re-Buy allowed in first hour

Contact Kevin at 734.878.6902 or

Tom at 734.878.6381 for tickets

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Ministry is asking for your kind donations of baby items once again to benefit Pregnancy Helpline in Brighton. The dresser will be in the gathering space from January 16 -24. You can pick up a tag off the dresser or bring whatever baby item you like to help those mothers who choose life. This ministry coincides with the annual March for Life in Washington, DC to stand in opposition to the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973 to legalize abortion.

## DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the annual Daddy Daughter Dance in the school gym on Friday, January 22, from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Admission is \$6.00 a person or \$15.00 a family. Snacks, drinks, a DJ, pictures and flowers are all part of the fun. Be a part of a special fun filled night with your special Dad. Contact Kevin @ 734-878-6902.

## 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)

## Calling all Beach Bums ...

The theme for the 2010 St. Mary School Auction is "Beach Bash". The school greatly appreciates any donation assistance from members of the parish. Donation support can come in the form of an item donation, or in terms of helping us make connections with sport or celebrity figures.

Additional ideas include...

- Autographed sports memorabilia
- Backstage passes
- Sports suites or tickets
- Airline miles
- Timeshares
- Dog breeder
- Patio furniture
- Baby items
- Gift certificates for rounds of golf, restaurants, car washes, movies, etc.

You'd be surprised at how much success we have in just having people ask businesses they regularly support (for haircuts, oil changes, etc.) for gift certificates or other items!

If you would like to volunteer (some major needs are listed below; others can be found in the school gathering space), please contact Auction Co-Chair Holly Oakes at (734) 878-5433 or Kim Plait at (810) 923-8901. Also, one very fun way to support the Beach Bash is by attending it! The Beach Bash is set for Saturday, April 17. See you there!

**Web Design/Maintenance:** Must have computer knowledge. Will be in charge of designing maintaining the auction website through the school and parish's websites.

**Student Ads:** responsible for selling and obtaining ads from parents, relatives or friends to St. Mary's students to be added to the program. Computer knowledge would be helpful.

**Ad and Banner Sponsor Procurement:** Outgoing person needed to obtain donors and sponsors for banners in the gymnasium, ads in the program and a raise the paddle sponsor.

**Procurement:** *If everyone were to procure a few items the load would be lighter!* We need a team to solicit donations and advertisers, communicate and follow-up with businesses and sponsors, assist with banner construction and hanging, assist in physically collecting items from donors and purchasing fill-in items as advised by auction chair(s).

**Auction Program:** Works with the auction chair(s) to create the auction program distributed the evening of the event. Comfort working on the computer is a must and graphic design is a plus. Will scan ads and design simple ads from logo, create an advertiser index and put together the layout for printing. May work with the printer to set-up scheduling and pricing. The main body of the program will be complete a few weeks before the auction but there will be addendum work the week prior. A large portion of this position can be worked on at home.

## Crop Day

**Saturday, February 20th**

**9am-3pm in multi-purpose room**

**RSVP: Pam 734-954-0733**

[onthethe8th@charter.net](mailto:onthethe8th@charter.net)

## 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 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

01/17 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)

01/24 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)

01/31 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

01/17 10:15-11:20pm Class

01/24 10:15-11:20pm Class

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

01/31 10:15-11:20pm Class

02/04 – 02/05 7pm 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Celebration

#### Confirmation

**Next Session:** 01/24/10 Formation Session

**Don't Forget the Midway Retreat on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm held at St. Mary!!**

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the multi-purpose room. The purpose of the Men's Club is to provide assistance 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 assistance, is well; priceless. We are very proud of our Stewardship and the service we provide to our Parish Community. Come check us out this Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bob at (810) 623-0300.

### Eat Out Jan. 22 to support Pregnancy Helpline!

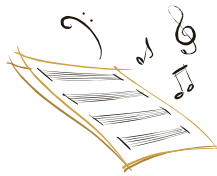
Jan. 22 is the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please consider eating at Bennigan's Restaurant in Howell (in front of Wal-Mart) on Jan. 22 and mention to your server that you are there in support of Pregnancy Helpline; 20% of your bill will be donated to PH to support Livingston County's only crisis pregnancy center.

## MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

### Children & Youth...Lend Your Voices!

Our young people's choirs are thriving and growing! Such beautiful music comes from their hearts and voices! As a director, it gives me immense pleasure to work with youth, to help build their confidence, to offer them wonderful opportunities to share their musical gifts, and to instill in them a sense of pride and accomplishment for a job well done. To sum up, participating in choir is rewarding on many levels (spiritually, musically, socially, psychologically...even physically!) What more rewarding an opportunity for a child than to get involved in something that honors God, that helps the parish, and that nourishes the soul...all while having lots of fun! Currently, there are a few openings for singers for both our grades K-3 choir and our grades 4-8 choir. Please contact music director, Tony Giamanco: 734-878-3161, ext. 213 or [giamanco@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:giamanco@stmarypinckney.org) for more information and to sign up your child.

In Christ's Spirit, Tony Giamanco



### Report for January 11, 2010 Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u> 07/01/09 -01/11/10
Offertory	\$ 12,255.47	\$ 415,277.96
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 13,349.04	\$ 373,773.12
Variance	\$ ( 1,093.57)	\$ 41,504.84
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 623.00	\$ 25,760.16
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 225,090.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		\$ 60,000.00
Shortfall		\$ (165,090.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!



### CAFÉ - Catechist Formation Faith Formation for Adults

The following topics are being offered as Adult Faith Formation and Catechist Formation. 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.**

## 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>
01/20	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
01/27	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
01/29	7:00-10:00pm	After Exams MOVIE Night
01/30	5:45-8:45pm	Thicker Than Water CONCERT
02/6-7	After Masses	Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

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

## Middle School Youth Group!

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
01/19	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
01/26	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
02/6-7	After Masses	Souper Bowl of Caring Collection

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

## Thicker Than Water Concert

Thicker than Water, a Christian Rock Band from Flint, will be performing at St. Pat's in Brighton and you guessed it WE'RE GOING! Opened to Junior and Senior High Students and Chaperones.

**Date:** January 30, 2010 5:45pm-8:45pm

**Cost:** Donation to the Love Collection that will go to charity (\$5.00 is suggested).

**Permission slips available on the table in the gathering space, school office and at youth group!**

## MASS INTENTIONS – January 17 – 24

### **Sunday, January 17 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**11:30am:** In Memory of Margaret Murphy  
By Charles Murphy

### **Monday, January 18**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

### **Tuesday, January 19**

**9:00am:** Communion Service

**5:00pm:** In Memory of Joseph & Josephine Petek by Family

### **Wednesday, January 20 – St. Fabian, St. Sebastian**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Margaret Progar by Family

### **Thursday, January 21 – St. Agnes**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Charles Coughlin

By Rich & Angie Gilligan

### **Friday, January 22 – St. Vincent**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Irene Flegel by Family

### **Saturday, January 23**

**8:30am (Chapel):** In Honor of Marion Mayer by Family

**5:00pm:** In Honor of Marlene Beck by Ruth Miller

### **Sunday, January 24 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am:** In Memory of Edward Liebert

By Norb & Mary Rickelmann

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

## COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

**January 18-19:** J. Wilson, D. Hall

**January 25-26:** J. Wilson, T. Burke

## WEEKLY READINGS – Jan. 17 - 23

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7/Ps 56/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80/Mk 3:20-21

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Ray & Marie Beard, Elisabeth Bevins, Duane Bordine,

Rachel Campbell, Dolores Denome, Martha Holley,

Cecelia Kurdziel, Justin Meats, Jean Sheptoski

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time

Today's Second Reading reminds us that we all possess gifts given from God. We are not to compare ourselves to one another but, rather, use our gifts to support one another and to honor the Father; the giver of all good gifts. It is in sharing our gifts freely and encouraging the expression of other's gifts that we bring unity and completeness to the Body of Christ.

## LAY MINISTERS – January 23 - 24

### **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:** L. Lichwala, B. Corwin

**9:00am:** P. Candy, A. Shmina

**11:30am:** J. Bartek, R. Gonze

### Ushers

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

**9:00am:** B. Backlund Jr., J. Polich, R. Kuczajda, N. Rickelmann, D. Aten, T. Wilson

**11:30am:** M. Charboneau, M. Corwin, J. Kukalis, B. Sabo, J. Streu, B. Tinlin

### Greeters

**5:00pm:** J. Carney

**9:00am:** S. Reynolds, M. Reynolds

**11:30am:** J. Jarvis, H. Jarvis

### Altar Servers

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

**9:00am:** K. Nagy (Cross), S. Polich, C. Polich

**11:30am:** J. Callaghan (Cross), H. Kiel, N. Lefebvre

### Offertory Gifts

**5:00pm:** Please sign up.

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

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

### Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

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

**February:** F. Kinsey, L. Lavey

**Cleaning the Altar – January:** M. Rickelmann

**February:** P. Gabli

### Collection Counters

**January 18:** S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski

**January 25:** A. Martin, S. Walton, G. Aten

**Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!**