



PROPER DISPOSAL OF BLESSED PALMS AND OTHER SACRAMENTALS

Lent is nearly upon us again, and you may be wondering what to do with the blessed palms you received last year. Please return palms and other broken or unused sacramentals such as rosaries and medals to the box placed in the gathering space for that purpose. We will assure these items are treated with reverence, and are repaired, passed on to someone who can use them as an encouragement or disposed of properly. Remember--we need to receive these items now--not after the new palms are distributed.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

The Men's Club is proudly sponsoring its annual Fish Dinners on Friday evenings during Lent. The dates are February 19 and 26, then March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Our delicious dinner is served from 4:30pm to 7:00pm and includes baked or beer battered fried fish, choice of French fries, scalloped or baked potato, beets, cole slaw, homemade macaroni & cheese, cut vegetables, rolls, jell-o and beverages. Cost is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$4 children (under age 12) with a family (immediate only) plan available at \$25. Take outs are available!

THANK YOU HOMELESS SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

We have successfully fed, sheltered, and kept company Our Lord in the disguise of the homeless during the 2 weeks the shelter was in Pinckney. Due to the beautiful generosity, love, and dedication of so many of you, St. Mary Parish covered 4 of the 14 days. Each of the other area churches covered 2 days. St. Mary Parish family again, has been a powerful witness of the Love of Christ in our community. When the Lord comes again and the question be asked: "Will He find any faith in Pinckney?" - I think the answer will be a resounding "YES." We all know that we have already been blessed by our participation in so noble a cause. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to coordinate this effort. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

-The Christian Service Team

WELCOMING DVD

The Welcoming DVD Project has resumed! The project was started last year to develop a video DVD that would introduce the new members to: our parish, our school, the various ministries, where things are located (the chapel) and the people they may contact if they wish to join one of the ministries or enroll their children in school.

The DVD will be available at no cost to the new member. But I need your help and cooperating in order to get this going again and bring it to completion. What I need specifically is to schedule a time and place with me so I may tape your presentation. You will need to include a welcoming message, the name of your ministry, your name, how they can contact you, and what is it that your ministry provides the parish/school. Please do not be reluctant to include yourself and your ministry in this project. I have a very flexible schedule; please contact me by phone at 734-637-4546 or email: llichwala@yahoo.com or even when you see me at Mass or any of the parish functions.

God Bless, Leonard Lichwala

Dear Parishioners,

Well Mardi Gras in New Orleans got off to a really early start this year with the Saints winning the Super Bowl. The true meaning of "Fat Tuesday" was to eat up all the meats and fats that were in the home before the great Lenten fast began. It also had a practical purpose in that winter stores of food were running low, and the fast was often necessary to survive until spring vegetables and baby animals were born. In our day, we have food in abundance, so fasting is more of a spiritual way of asking, "For what do I hunger? For what do I really long in life?" These are great Lenten reflections.

Various Lenten devotions can be found, including Stations of the Cross which will take place each Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Please enter this period of prayer and fasting seriously, so as to better celebrate the great feast of the Resurrection.

Peace and prayers, Fr. Bill Wegher

Inner Temple Prayer

LORD, this Lent,

Walk into this temple called me.

Walk around inside me.

Watch me. Warn me!

Show me the wisdom

Of the sign of your cross within me.

LORD, this Lent,

Walk into this temple called me.

Show me that sometimes

I spend too much time

Buying and selling,

Worrying and worshipping things.

I have become a marketplace and a mall,

Instead of becoming a temple

Filled with your Spirit.

LORD, this Lent,

Walk into this temple called me.

Let the zeal for your house

Drive out my sheep and my oxen

Turn over my money tables.

During these days of Lent

Challenge me to make better choices

In living your new life,

So that when Easter comes,

I will have become

What you have called all of us to be:

A house of prayer and the house of God.

-Andrew Costello, *Markings*

ASH WEDNESDAY – February 17th -Mass at 9am & 7pm
FISH DINNERS – Friday's During Lent - Dinner is served from 4:30 to 7:00pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS- Friday's During Lent at 7pm in the church

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:

February 14: RITE OF SENDING 11:30am Mass
Hour of Reflection 12:45-1:45pm

February 21: RIGHT OF ELECTION 3pm
St. John the Baptist, Howell

February 28: Ten Commandments 10:15-11:15am

*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

02/14 NO CLASS
02/21 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)
02/28 10:15-11:20pm Class (K-8)

1st Eucharist Formation

02/21 10:15-11:20pm Class
02/28 10:15-11:20pm Class and Parent Meeting
(Bring Child in red shirt!)

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

Confirmation

Next Session: 02/21/10 Formation Session

50+ CCA LENTEN RETREAT

FEATURING: Fr. Larry Delaney, St. Francis Retreat Center
THEME: "Checking on the Door to our Heart:

The Heart is the Avenue to God."

WHEN: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

WHERE: St. Agnes Parish, Fowlerville

TIME: Registration: 9:30a.m.

Retreat: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

COST: \$9.00 - includes lunch and all related costs

DEADLINE: March 1, 2010

TICKETS: Fran McLaughlin 734-878-9959

*All community members over 50 years of age
are welcome to attend.*

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS 2009

Please contact the parish office if you would like a
statement for your 2009 contributions.

AUCTION – APRIL 17, 2010

Who doesn't like to spend the day at the beach? Better yet, who doesn't like to spend the day at the beach snacking on some scrumptious "sea-side" foods? Good food is synonymous with St. Mary Auction, and this year is no different. While you are looking over the HOT auction items surf on through our strolling buffet. Serving up the goods will be Lakelands Country Club, Riverside Pizza, Desserts by Randy, Lighthouse Café, Busch's, Boar's Head Deli Meats & Cheeses, Hungry Howies, Edible Arrangements, Blue Fin Steakhouse, BearClaw Coffee and our very own St. Mary Men's Club. See you at the BEACH!

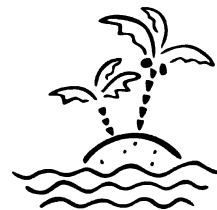
• Catch a Wave – or a great LIVE item

Beach Bums - Fun in the Sun Package

Need sunshine? Need relaxation? Need the summer vacation you've always dreamed of? This is it! You and your guests will enjoy 7 nights (August 21-28, 2010) in a two-bedroom, two-bath beach villa at the *Marriott Legends Edge at Bay Pointe* in Panama City Beach, Florida. Villa can comfortably sleep 6-8 guests and features a fully equipped kitchen and property offers many amenities. Including, easy access to St. Andrews State Park, a quick walk to the white sand beach of Panama City, close to the uninhabited Shell Island and two Championship golf courses.

• DUDE! - we need these items

Cost Co Gift Cards
Camping Tent and Sleeping Bags
Nintendo/Wii Games
Drink Mixers
Sports Tickets (Suites too!)
Board Games
Signed Sports Memorabilia
Entertaining Serving Sets
Picnic Blankets/Table Cloths
Cricut Machine/Accessories & Cuttlebug Accessories



The St. Mary Auction team would like all St. Mary parishioners to get in on the *totally tubular* action. Please send your **family beach photos** to onthe8th@charter.net.

We will be using these photos as part of our *ST. MARY BEACH BUMS* wall. For more information about the auction you can go to the school website at school.stmarypinckney.org

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Brownie Troop 141 will be selling cookies in the front lobby on Sunday, February 14 and Sunday, February 21. Please support this great group of girls-and get some yummy treats for yourself. The troop is very involved in their church, school and community. Several of the girls are working towards earning their Family of God medal which will be presented by Bishop Boyea in April.

Crop Day

Saturday, February 20th

9am-3pm in multi-purpose room

RSVP: Pam 734-954-0733 onthe8th@charter.net

EBE EUCHRE EXTRAVAGANZA

Last February St. Mary Parish Family and The Village of Pinckney lost a friend and a true champion of our community when Ebe Hennigan was called home to be with our Lord in Heaven. To honor her memory and to celebrate the wonderful life Ebe shared with us, her friends are planning what is hoped to be an annual Celebration on or near her Birthday! All proceeds raised at the "EBE EUCHRE EXTRAVAGANZA" will benefit the Ebe Hennigan Scholarship Fund (a scholarship fund in her name to benefit a child of need at St. Mary School.)

When: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Where: Multi-Use Room

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: \$15.00 Per Player (remember this is a benefit)

Bring: A dish to pass! A-L bring an appetizer or salad, M-Z bring a dessert. Father Bill will be making his famous Goulash for this evening.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

The new schedule that starts on March 6-7, 2010, is now available. This 15 week schedule runs from the weekend of March 6-7 through the weekend of July 3-4, 2010.

Greeters/Altar Servers/Lectors: Please pick up a copy of the schedule with the updated Lay Minister Rosters, so you can contact a fellow lay minister if you need to be off when you are scheduled.

Eucharistic Ministers are self-scheduling by sign-up and so do not need to pick up a schedule. There are 3 ways to sign-up to be a Eucharistic Minister please see page 5 of the bulletin.

Ushers are now self-scheduling by attendance and so do not need to pick up a schedule.

Thanks to one and all for volunteering and sharing your talents and time with the St. Mary faith community.

-Peggy Clough

A DAY FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

Prayer... beauty... inspiration

Set aside time this Lent to prepare your heart anew for the Easter Season. Saturday, February 27, 10:00am-4:00pm, St. John's Student Parish, East Lansing. The \$30 registration fee includes lunch. To register, send your name and payment to: St John Student Center, 327 M.A.C. Ave., East Lansing, MI 48832. Questions? Call Linda at 517.337.9778. Presenter: Laure Krupp. Laure is a frequent retreat and conference speaker, and has been a contributing author for various Catholic periodicals. Laure has released two books through St. Mary's Press, including, "Gather Faithfully: Inviting Teens Into Liturgical Ministry," and "The Catholic Youth Prayer Book."



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

YOUNG ADULT REGIONAL RETREAT

Saturday, March 6 - Sunday, March 7 FaHoLo Conference Center, Grass Lake

Gather with Young Adults from Washtenaw & Livingston counties and take the time to deepen your faith this Lent. We will explore the themes presented to us in *Luke 13:6-9*. Come explore the story of the barren fig tree and how it relates to the productive and barren times of our faith journey. \$65, financial assistance is available Contact livingstonyam@gmail.com for a registration brochure.

MICYAC- Michigan Catholic Young Adult Conference Friday, March 19 - Saturday, March 20

Ramada Hotel & Conference Center, Lansing

Come spend time with friends as you grow closer to Christ and dive deeper into the question Jesus asks us all: "**Who do you say I am?**" Keynote speaker, Sr. Ann Shields, Mass with Bishop Boyea and more! www.micyac.org For group rate, contact livingstonyam@gmail.com to register.

RAFFLE

Return your raffle ticket stubs and money ASAP to the collection basket, or drop off at the parish office. There are still 250 chances to win. The first of four \$500.00 winners will be pulled out on Easter Sunday, and \$1,000.00 at the Parish Festival. We have extra tickets available to sell, if interested contact the parish office.

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, February 8, 2010:

\$100- Dan Gonzalez

\$25- Dan Gonzalez (sold \$100 winner)

\$25 winners-

Don Scott

Rich O'Callaghan

Marie Holmes

Tom Czubaj

Wilbert Westerberg

LOVE, INC.

Bedding Ministry

St. Agnes Catholic Church in Fowlerville is in desperate need of mattress pads, pillows, comforters, and blankets to continue to support the recipients of Love INC in their time of need. Please feel free to phone Love In the Name of Christ at 517-586-4014, or St. Agnes at 517-223-9740 to find out how you can assist this Love INC ministry.

Transportation Ministry

Love In the Name of Christ is in need of volunteer drivers to provide rides to and from doctor appointments and other miscellaneous rides. The churches providing this ministry have many snow-birds who have left for the winter, and are struggling to find enough volunteers. Is God calling you to this ministry? Call the parish office 734-878-3161 and we'll forward your name to Love, Inc.

Happy Valentine's Day



Don't Forget! There is NO Family Life Night this week. We will resume on March 16, 2010!

Join us for an Irish Hollaralooza featuring *Blackthorn*

Sunday, February 28th from 2-6pm here in St. Mary Gym!



Opening performances by The McLaughlin Sisters –and- Pinckney High School Fiddlers
All proceeds to benefit the Pinckney St. Patrick's Day Parade Fund
Tickets \$30 Adult/\$5 Children 6-17 –and- Children 5 & under free
Doors open 2pm/Dinner served 2-4pm/Cash Bar
Tickets contact: Patsy McGuire-Haggerty Dible
734-878-7020

Report for February 8, 2010		
Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord		
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
		07/01/09 –02/08/10
Offertory	\$ 13,361.34	\$ 469,447.47
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 13,349.04	\$ 427,169.28
Variance	\$ 12.30	\$ 42,278.19
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 864.00	\$ 37,753.94
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 300,120.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		\$ 80,000.00
Shortfall		\$ (220,120.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!

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>
02/17	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group-Mass-Ash Wed.
02/24	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group

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

Middle School Youth Group!

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
02/16	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group-Bring a St. V Treat
02/23	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group

Mark your Calendar for March 13th MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY!

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



LAST CHANCE C.I.A.

Christ In All

Middle School Rally!

A day of fun, food, friends and faith! Key Note speaker is BOB RICE! Mass with Fr. Jerry Vinke! Fun Fest with Metro Inflatables and Music!
Saturday, March 13, 2010
12:15-10:00 pm

Lumen Christi Catholic High School, Jackson
We will be carpooling from St. Mary.

Cost: \$15.00

CALL ASAP TO RSVP

(See table in the gathering space for more info & registration)

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.

Stewardship Opportunity
~Hospitality Needed~
Do you enjoy baking or feeding others? We are looking for volunteers to provide simple hospitality for the series of CAFÉ (Adult Formation) classes Father Bill is giving. Cookies, other baked goods, veggies, crackers, cheese, fruit, candies, (snack type items) etc. There are about 100 people signed up so any help is appreciated. **Call Rebecca to sign up for a Tuesday evening so we can make sure each class is covered. Need not be present to donate!**

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

***FEBRUARY 16: New Testament Gospels**

***Rescheduled from 2/9/10 due to weather**

New Testament Epistles: February 23 Presenter: Fr. Bill
Mary & the Saints: March 2 Presenter: Fr. Bill
Managing Student Behavior: 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.**

MASS INTENTIONS – February 14 - 21

Sunday, February 14– 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: For Our Parish

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

Monday, February 15

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, February 16

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Memory of Chuck Molewski by Schang Family

Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday)

9:00am: In Honor of David & Angie Nagy on their 20th
Wedding Anniversary by Family

***7:00pm:** In Memory of Edward Liebert by Pepper Family

Thursday, February 18

9:00am: In Memory of Jim Landau by Lorraine Novock

Friday, February 19

9:00am: In Honor of Caitlin Boote
By Grandma & Grandpa Rondeau

Saturday, February 20

8:30am (Chapel): In Memory of Martina Morris
By Cindy Roach

5:00pm: In Memory of Greg Reske by Karen Reske

Sunday, February 21 – 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00am: In Honor of Marie & Larry Schultz
By Doug & Heather Schultz & Family

11:30am: For Our Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

February 15-16: J. Wilson, D. Hall

February 22-23: D. Hall, T. Burke

WEEKLY READINGS –February 14 - 20

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9/Ps 51/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9-14/Ps 86/Lk 5:27-32

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Ray & Marie Beard, Elisabeth Bevins, Duane Bordine,
George Dudek, Cecelia Kurdziel, Stan McFadden, Justin
Meats, John Penrod, Emily Rutkowski, Jean Sheptoski,
Rhoda Wagner

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Beatitudes offer such comfort to us, and reminds us that we are blessed as we strive to bring the Kingdom of God a reality to those around us. May we boldly speak the truth regardless of those who hate or insult us or deny the God who is our life and love. Let us cling to the one constant in our lives who walks with us every step of the way – our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

LAY MINISTERS – February 20 - 21

ATTN: Eucharistic Ministers

You have 3 self-scheduling sign-up options. The Lay Minister Sign-up Notebook has dated sign-up sheets and is located in Meeting Room A.

1) Sign-up to serve as you arrive to attend a weekend liturgy.

2) Sign-up for the liturgy you know you will be attending next weekend as you leave a weekend liturgy (the week before).

3) Sign-up 3 times a year when the Lay Minister Schedule comes out. Bring your personal calendar and sign-up for once or twice a month during the current 4 month period and put these self selected dates on your personal calendar.

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: S. Jasinski, B. Corwin

9:00am: S. Kuschel, J. Weiland

11:30am: L. Read, A. Shmina

Ushers

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

9:00am: B. Backlund Jr., J. Polich, R. Kuczajda, N.
Rickelmann, B. Wetzel, J. Frost

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

Greeters:

5:00pm: M. Hinkle

9:00am: W. Stevens

11:30am: W. Brown

Altar Servers

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

9:00am: M. Woods (Cross), S. Polich, C. Polich

11:30am: A. Boote (Cross), M. Schmidt, J. Glaser

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

Linens – February: F. Kinsey, L. Lavey

Cleaning the Altar – February: P. Gabli

Collection Counters

February 15: S. Kronk, P. McGlade, R. Layman

February 22: G. Aten, D. Backlund, D. Eggleston,
B. Zielinski

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!