



Dear Parishioners,

As we enter into this first week of Lent, our gospel from Luke focuses on the temptations of Christ. They abound for all of us, which is why Lent is a good time to get our own house in order through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The key to Luke's version of the story is that the devil comes back to haunt him again as he hangs on the cross. We have to be watchful our whole lives.

Although it is Lent, the Church always seems to give a wink and a nod to St. Patrick's Day. Next Sunday the Pinckney St. Patrick Day Parade Committee is hosting a true Irish event here at St. Mary. It might be something you want to check out. Remember our Stations and fish fries on Friday evenings.

Peace and prayers,
Fr. Bill Wegher

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

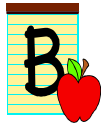
PEROGI SALE

St. Mary Rosary Altar Society wants to thank all the workers who helped with the making of 70 dozen perogies. We appreciate all the helpers and all who supported us.

~God's Blessings from The St. Mary Rosary Altar Society



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On Sunday, March 7th 2010, St Mary's Men's Club is sponsoring its monthly Country Style Breakfast. Breakfast is served 8:30am until 11am and is a free-will donation. Proceeds will help provide funding for the St. Mary Catholic School Auction Team. 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 - our own Youth Musicians and raffles add to the festivities. Everyone is welcome!

AUCTION UPDATE – APRIL 17th

Catch a Wave – or a great *LIVE* item

Aloha! Two Weeks on the Big Island of Hawaii

Don't miss this opportunity! For 2 weeks you can visit one of the most beautiful places on earth - The Colony Villas located within the Waikoloa Resort. Experience secluded hideaways, fishing, rainforests, and incredible beaches. The Big Island is the largest and most varied of the Hawaiian Islands. Pamper yourself in the spas and relax by the pools. Your luxurious 2 story 2 bedroom villa built in 2003 offers private lanais, vaulted ceiling, kitchen, washer/dryer, tennis, white sand beach, 2 pools, and a 36-hole championship golf course. The Big Island also offers you a chance to experience an active volcano erupting lava in the sea. See why the celebs tan here! 2 weeks must be used *consecutively* anytime between June 1st - Nov. 30th. Subject to availability.

• **DUDE!** - *we need these items:* Camping Tent and Sleeping Bags, Rockband Wii, Sports Tickets (Suites too!), Signed Sports Memorabilia, ZOO ZOO Pets, Golf Excursions, Cricut Machine/Accessories & Cuttlebug Accessories, Board Games, 1st Communion Items, Gas Cards

• **WIPE OUT – *décor wishlist:*** Surf boards, Baskets, Bright colored paint

• **FAMILY BEACH PHOTOS** Get in on the *Totally Tubular* action – BE A BUM!! Beach Bum that is -- SEND YOUR PHOTOS to: onthe8th@charter.net

• **SURFS UP – *Supporters***

Gnarly thanks to the St. Mary Men's Club, the St. Mary Knights of Columbus and the St. Mary Rosary Altar Society for their continued and unwavering support. The auction team appreciates all you do.

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!

On Monday, March 1st there will be a Kindergarten Informational Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten Room, #165. There will be a short presentation and an opportunity to ask questions. This is for parents only. If you are unable to attend but would like information please call the school office.

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 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

02/21 10:15-11:20am Class (K-8)
02/28 10:15-11:20am Class (K-8)
03/07 10:15-11:20am Class (K-8)

1st Eucharist Formation

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

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

03/07 10:15-11:20am Class

Confirmation

Session this weekend 02/21/10!

Next Session: 02/28/10 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.

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.

Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program

Livingston County Catholic Charities (LCCC)

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program is a volunteer coalition designed to assist 60+ disabled adults, including those with social and/or economical needs, to remain independent and in their own homes with grace & dignity.

Services include:

- Companionship & Friendly Visiting
- Shopping
- Telephone Reassurance
- Letter Writing
- Respite Services
- Errands
- Transportation

For assistance, more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Bauby at LCCC at 517-545-5944.

Report for February 15, 2010

Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
		07/01/09 – 02/15/10
Offertory	\$ 14,074.35	\$ 483,521.82
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 13,349.04	\$ 440,518.32
Variance	\$ 725.31	\$ 43,003.50
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 995.00	\$ 38,748.94
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 300,120.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		\$ 80,000.00
Shortfall		\$ (220,120.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!

Come, Lord and increase my faith this Lent.
I want to know you more and to serve you better.

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! Ebe loved to play Euchre, or more importantly loved the social aspect of Euchre parties so what better way to celebrate than with the "EBE EUCHRE EXTRAVAGANZA." This will be an evening of fun, friends, family and even a card game or seven!

Ebe's sons Erik and Jason chose to honor their mother by establishing a scholarship fund in her name to benefit a child of need at St. Mary School. All proceeds raised at the "EBE EUCHRE EXTRAVAGANZA" will benefit the Ebe Hennigan Scholarship Fund!

When: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Where: Multi-Purpose 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.

Tickets: Available after Mass in the weeks before the Extravaganza and at the church office.

Beer, Wine, Bottled Water, Soda and snacks will be provided, but just like we do with other Euchre tournaments let's make it festive and enjoyable with everyone bringing one of their favorite dishes to pass.

We will also do a couple of 50/50 drawings during the evening and are working on assembling a nice selection of door prizes to give away!

We are also going to be selling "TABLE SPONSORSHIPS" for \$50.00 a table. Sponsor a table and have your company, family name or favorite message posted at one of our 24 tables that evening. We are looking for creative ways to enhance the Ebe Scholarship Fund that evening so help out a great cause and sponsor a table! Contact George Watts at 517 546-5497 or gwatts@chartermi.net for details, to sponsor a table, or to volunteer to help out that night!

Join us for an Irish Hollapalooza 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



LABOR OF LOVE

Hello from All of Us at Labor of Love!

Spring is almost here and we are ready once again to start searching for Labor of Love candidates. The Labor of Love program is designed to reach out and assist Livingston County's elderly, disabled and financially challenged citizens with the maintenance and repair of their homes so that they can continue to live independently. Last year more than 650 volunteers banded together to perform over 100 home repairs and landscape projects. The individuals that received services in the past, were a direct result of referrals received through Love Inc, various social service programs, and area churches such as yours. Candidates will be interviewed through Love INC., and those approved for services are then matched to the talents of the volunteers, who will prepare and undertake the work on project day, May 1st.

Please help us to help others by sending nominations or referring others to our website www.laboroflovelivingston.com Nominations for major repairs will need to be submitted by March 10th, and consideration for candidates of minor repairs, interior cleaning and spring yard clean up may be submitted up until March 31st.

God's Blessings,

Dawn Racine and Labor of Love Committee

LENTEN MISSION: ST. JOHN - HOWELL

The Universal Call to Holiness

Looking to get more out of Lent this year? Lent means more than just going on a diet or giving something up. Lent is about reorienting your life to the life of Jesus Christ. In the Church's rich history there are many people who we can look to as examples to follow, they're called Saints. Come hear presentations on how the Saints achieved holiness and help light our path to do the same.

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m. (St. John Catholic Church, Howell #517-546-7200)

Monday, March 1 — St. Frances de Sales

Presented by Sr. Sarah Burdick

Sr. Sarah is a member of the community of Servants of God's Love in Ann Arbor, MI. She teaches theology at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. She will present on the life and prayer of St. Francis de Sales.

Monday, March 8 — Universal Call to Holiness

Presented by Ralph Martin

Ralph Martin is the President of Renewal Ministries and the host of the weekly television program "The Choices We Face." He is the author of the bestselling book The Fulfillment of All Desire, and several other books on the Catholic Church and spirituality. He is the Director of Graduate Programs in The New Evangelization at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit.

Monday, March 15 — Fr. Solanus Casey

Presented by Brother Richard Merling

Br. Richard is a member of the Capuchin community at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit where Fr. Casey lived. Br. Richard is in charge of the cause for canonization for Fr. Solanus. He will be here to discuss the life and spirituality of Fr. Solanus Casey.

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:
02/21	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
02/24	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
02/28	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
03/03	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Team
03/03	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
03/07	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
03/10	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
03/14	12:00-6:00pm	Corned Beef Dinner/Knights
03/14	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W

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

Middle School Youth Group!

Date:	Time:	Event
02/21	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
02/23	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group (P&W)
02/28	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
03/02	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Team
03/02	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
03/07	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
03/09	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
03/14	12:00-6:00pm	Corned Beef Dinner/Knights
03/14	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W

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

High School Lenten Book Study!

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

Are you a junior or senior in high school? Are you looking for a new and exciting way to grow and prepare yourself during Lent? Do you enjoy to read...even a little bit? Join us starting **this Sunday, February 21st at 6pm** in the Youth Room.

Meeting Times are the following Sundays at 6pm.

Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, (28?)

Cost: \$10 for Book if you choose to purchase it from the parish OR you may use your own, borrow it from the library or from the Parish.

About the book: In *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis provides a series of lessons in the importance of taking a deliberate role in living out Christian faith by portraying a typical human life, with all its temptations and failings, as seen from devils' viewpoints. Screwtape holds an administrative post in the [bureaucracy](#) ("Lowerarchy") of Hell, and acts as a [mentor](#) to Wormwood, the inexperienced tempter. In the body of the thirty-one letters which make up the book, Screwtape gives Wormwood detailed advice on various methods of undermining [faith](#) and promoting [sin](#) in the Patient, interspersed with observations on human nature and [Christian doctrine](#).

THANK-YOU!

We would like to thank you for your generosity during the SOUP and SOCKS Drive on Feb. 6-7th. (SOUPER BOWL OF CARING) Over \$800 was raised and a ton of socks, shoes, boots, coats and blankets. Due to the weather we did not have youth group so, we couldn't count the items before Mike Carsen from The Canticle Café in Detroit came and picked them all up. The plan was for us to take it to Detroit, but they are in such need he came and got it. We will continue to collect socks, boots, shoes, warm winter wear and blankets for them. We plan on continuing to serve our homeless sisters and brothers. They also need men's clothing. Feel free to drop items off in the office for Rebecca or give it to a youth group member you know. Thank you for helping us live out Christ's Mission! ~The Teens of St. Mary

LAST CHANCE

C.I.A. (Christ In All)

Middle School Rally!

Saturday, March 13, 2010

12:15-10:00 pm

Lumen Christi Catholic High School, Jackson

Cost: \$15.00 *CALL ASAP TO RSVP

Call or email Rebecca Keiser with questions.

RAFFLE

Return your raffle ticket stubs and money ASAP to the collection basket, or drop off at the parish office. 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 14, 2010:

Kathy Weise

C. Charboneau

Tom Casey

Celia Bernardi

John Fackler

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

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 21 - 28

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

Monday, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, February 23 – St. Polycarp

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Honor of Deacon Randy & Debbie Coffelt & Family

Wednesday, February 24

9:00am: In Honor of Charles Domen by Family

Thursday, February 25

9:00am: In Honor of Joe & Ruth Miller by Family

Friday, February 26

9:00am: In Honor of Allison Boote

By Grandma & Grandpa Rondeau

Saturday, February 27

8:30am (Chapel): In Memory of Kenneth Dooley

By Bauer Family

5:00pm: In Memory of Giuseppe Vendramini

By Edmund Progar

Sunday, February 28 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Honor of George Dudek by Irene Dudek

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

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

March 1-2: D. Hall, G. Wizgird

WEEKLY READINGS –February 21 - 27

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119/Mt 5:43-48

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

1st Sunday of Lent

Today's gospel gives us the opportunity to see that Christ was also tempted, and that He used the strength of God's Word to fight back. May we strive to feed upon the Word of God and use it as our sword and shield against the ploys of the enemy daily.

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!

LAY MINISTERS – February 27 - 28

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: R. Gass, L. Lichwala

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

11:30am: T. Burke, R. Gonze

Ushers

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

9:00am: B. Backlund Jr., R. Kuczajda, J. Polich, N. Ricklemann, B. Wetzel, P. Gabli

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

Greeters:

5:00pm: T. Kenny

9:00am: Kuczajda Family

11:30am: J. Jarvis & H. Jarvis

Altar Servers

5:00pm: P. Moenart (Cross), J. Peltier, M. Pescrillo

9:00am: T. Redpath (Cross), S. Langford, K. Nagy

11:30am: J. Birdsong (Cross), A. Sullivan, N. Westerberg

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

March: S. Katon, L. Wack

Cleaning the Altar – February: P. Gabli

Collection Counters

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

March 1: A. Martin, H. Menosky, S. Walton, D. Backlund