

Family Life Night
Tuesday
March 16, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

"Laetare!" "Rejoice!" As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent, we are over half way to our Easter celebration. Those in the RCIA process are making their final preparations through the Scrutiny rites. You are being invited to participate on one of the area reconciliation services which will begin this week. We make haste to accomplish our Lenten tasks, so as to truly rejoice in the resurrection.

I see that many of you are already putting your Easter Flower envelopes in the collection basket. Thank you so much for this. The monies raised at Christmas and Easter each year not only pays for the many flowers for these two big liturgical seasons, but this fund also buys ribbon, fabric, and other items needed for our art and environment at our liturgies and in the gathering space. As money builds in the fund, we can purchase major things. For example, in May, you will see brand new green banners and a set of green vestments the parish has recently purchased from this fund. They will go up and be used after the Easter season is completed. The parish didn't have a decent green vestment for visiting priests, and now we do - thanks to your continued kind generosity.

Next weekend we will have sign-up sheets available for those who want to participate liturgically in the Triduum. Please sign up.

Have a blessed Lenten week, Fr. Bill Wegher

Mass: 5:00pm

Dinner Served: 5:30-7:00pm

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

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

What's Cookin'?

Lenten Leftovers: Sloppy Joes, Bar-B-Q Pork Sandwiches, Applesauce, Coleslaw, Macaroni Salad, Green Salad, and Delicious Dessert!

(Oh and there will be hotdogs as usual.)

We can't wait to break bread with you! Come share in fellowship, Faith and have some fun!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

To be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, the faithful receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

If you are an adult Catholic and have not yet been confirmed, and you desire to be fully initiated, it is never too late.

We are offering the opportunity for Adult Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2010, here at St. Mary at the 11:30AM Mass.

***There is a six week preparation period. If you are interested, have questions or would like more details, please contact the parish office at 734-878-3161, ext. 218.**

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Parents interested in St. Mary's Kindergarten, who missed the informational meeting on March 1st, may contact the school office to schedule a kindergarten screening on Monday, March 15th. Children entering St. Mary's kindergarten

should be 5 years old by Sept. 1st. Screenings may be scheduled on other days before or after school, if you are unable to bring your child to school on March 15th.



VOTIVE CANDLE MEMORIAL

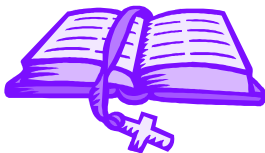
Are you having trouble choosing a gift for that someone special? **NEW** this year, we are making available 7-day votive candles that will be lit in your loved one's honor or for a special intention. This will be another option for you to consider in case you want a special date that is not available for a Mass. The cost of this candle will be \$15.00, since it will be burning for a full 7 days. There is no better way to show our love for someone than to offer our prayers for them. These names will be published weekly in the bulletin. Please give our parish office a call at 734-878-3161 for more details on this unique gift.



KANS FOR KIDS

Please make an effort to bring your empty bottles and cans to the trailer next week. Our kids are counting on all of you. Or if you are able, please make a small donation at the box on the trailer. If you have a donation & forget this weekend or unable to make it to Mass, contact Kevin Schang @734-878-6902 for a special pick-up.

Father, you generously provide for all my needs.
You know me through and through.
Please help me to embrace the new ways
you want to provide for me today.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

- March 18: St. Joseph, Howell 7:30pm
- March 18: St. Augustine, Deerfield Twp. 7:30pm
- March 22: Holy Spirit, Hamburg 7:30pm
- March 23: St. Agnes, Fowlerville 7:30pm
- March 24: St. Mary, Pinckney 7:30pm**
- March 25: St. John, Hartland 7:30pm
- March 27: St. Patrick, Brighton 9:00am
- March 29: St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 7:30pm

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:

March 14	SECOND SCRUTINY	11:30am Mass
	Mtg-Anointing of the Sick	12:45pm-1:45pm
March 21	THIRD SCRUTINY	9:00am Mass
	Mtg-Sacraments of Vocation	10:15am-11:15am
March 27	RETREAT	8:30am-8:30pm
March 31	EASTER VIGIL PRACTICE	7-8:30pm

For more details about this process, please call the office at 734-878-2217, ext.218.

Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

Religious Education K-8

03/14	10:15-11:20am	Class (K-8)
03/21	10:15-11:20am	Class (K-8)

1st Eucharist Formation

03/14	10:15-11:20am	Class
03/21	10:15-11:20am	Class (Bread Baking)

Confirmation

Next Session: 03/21/10 Formation Session
(BISHOP LETTER DUE!!!!)



St. Mary Youth Ministries Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle!

Mark your calendars for **March 20-21st**! The youth will be selling delicious baked goods. Even though it's Lent we will be selling some non-sweets such as bread, corn bread, muffins etc. There will also be plenty of sweets for those that didn't give them up for Lent! Tickets for our annual quilt raffle will also go on sale during the Bake Sale. This year it will be **raffled after 11:30 Mass on May 9th**, **Mother's Day!** This year's quilt is a beautiful pastel design we are calling "The Promise of Spring!"



LENTEN FISH DINNERS

The Men's Club is proudly sponsoring its annual Fish Dinners on Friday evenings during Lent. 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!

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 Sean Rooker, Anthony Sparks, Jonathon Stepp, Kenneth & Sherri Streu, Jesse Sutton, Kurt Whitlow, Steven Whoolery

BEACH BASH~ Saturday, April 17, 2010

◊ Catch a Wave – or a great LIVE item

We're Going to Disney!

You'll be "thankful" while you spend Thanksgiving week in Florida at the beautiful Cypress Pointe Resort. Bring your whole family! November 20 – 27, 2010, you will stay in a gorgeous 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom condo that sleeps 6-8, includes full kitchen, 2 king beds, and twin beds in the 3rd BR and a sleeper sofa, screened in porch, maid service, washer and dryer, a lake, mini golf, pool with a volcano, kiddie pool, basketball, tennis, and a playground. Within minutes you can reach Walt Disney World and you can even walk to Downtown Disney. Wait it gets better, includes four(4) 1-day park hopper passes to Walt Disney World (passes are upgradable to add more days). Don't miss the chance to go home and tell the kids "We're Going to Disney World."

What a way to enjoy the holiday!

◊ The Pipeline – what's happening

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Be sure to return your auction invitation. Return the detachable RSVP with your check to the church/school office or church basket. You can also register online with a credit card at school.stmarypinckney.org. Hope to see you at the BEACH!

◊ DUDE! – we need these items

Signed Sports Memorabilia, ZOO ZOO Pets, Cricut Machine/Accessories, Electric Hand Mixer, Fire Pit, \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 gift cards to local establishments (check board in gathering space)

Get in on the **totally tubular** action! BE A BUM! Beach Bum that is! Send your family beach photos to onthethe8th@charter.net. Your family will be included in our *St. Mary Beach Bums* wall. For more information visit the school website or call Pam McGlade at 734-954-0733.

With Thanks: The Auction Team is extremely grateful for the Men's Club Breakfast donations and the all the assistance from the Rosary Altar Society!

Attention: 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 3rd 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 Auction Team. 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 18th of March. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Bob at (810) 623-0300.

BOY SCOUT ANNUAL HAM SALE

Fresh and Smoked Kielbasa, Turkey Breast and Beef Franks

Boy Scouts will be selling Easter hams after all Masses March 13&14 and 20&21. Hams will be delivered after Masses on March 27&28. To place a phone order, call Jennifer Brennan at 734-878-0715.

M. I. TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The famous tootsie roll drive to help mentally challenged kids will take place Palm Sunday weekend, March 26-28, and the Knights are LOOKING FOR HELP. We will stand outside business' in town, collect money & pass out tootsie rolls. The money collected will go to programs that help mentally impaired children. If you can help for a couple of hours please mark the sign up sheet in the church gathering area, or contact Kevin Schang @ 734-878-6902 for times. Families and children are welcome to volunteer.

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: March 7, 2010:

\$100-K. Gabli
\$25- P. Gabli (sold \$100 winner)
\$25 winners-
Anne Lefebvre
Mauvis Sheehan
Peter Karmanos III
Chad Peltier
Barb Spaulding

ST. AGNES ANNUAL PARISH MISSION

Discovering God...Right Here, Right Now

March 14, 15 & 16th at 7pm Fr. Geoff Rose, the well-known and well-loved Chaplain of Lumen Christi High School in Jackson, is the director of this year's mission. He is a member of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. Geoff is the co-founder of Mark 5:11 ministries, a group that provides retreats, conferences and parish missions.

Schedule: March 14, 15 and 16:

7:00pm: Prayer in church

7:15pm: Fr. Geoff's Presentation

8:15pm: Social, offering a selection of Catholic books, devotionals and bibles

*March 15: 11:30a.m. Fr. Geoff Luncheon for Seniors and all those interested.

(St. Agnes: 855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville #517-223-8684)

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

In the *Year of the Priest*, as proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, Holy Spirit Church, Hamburg, presents a one-man stage play about St. John Vianney, the pastor in Ars, France, in the years following the French Revolution.

Saturday, March 27th at 7pm at Holy Spirit #810-231-9199
Starring actor Leonardo DeFilippis (www.vianneydrama.com)

Men's Speaker Night at St. Patrick Church (Brighton)

Thursday, March 18th

"The Culture War", a report from the front lines within our US courts defending the principles of our faith! Men, are you ready to hear a fellow catholic share his personal experiences on fighting for Catholic values in American courts? Do you know of the battles currently engaged in the courts on our rights as Christians; it will raise your awareness! Come, listen, be informed as well as inspired by a Catholic Dad, father of 11, a US Marine Officer and legal litigator for the Thomas More Law Center, Attorney Robert Muise. Time will be reserved at the conclusion of his comments for questions. You will not want to miss the drama of his actual experiences. Following mass at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel at St. Patrick Church, Brighton and short fellowship, Mr. Muise will begin speaking in McCann Hall. Gathering will conclude at 9:00 p.m.

No One Dies Alone (NODA)

Comfort Companion Orientation – March 30

More than half of all deaths occur in hospitals and, at times, there are patients without family or friends who can be at their side at the time of death. NODA's mission is that patients who are dying would be provided companionship and comfort. Those interested in being a [NODA comfort companion](#) are invited to attend a one-day orientation March 30, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston, Board Room. You do not need to be a nurse or health care worker to participate. This activity has been approved for six contact hours by the Michigan Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

St. Francis Retreat Center Presents:

A Weekend Retreat

April 16-18, 2010

For the Men of St. Mary Parish

Walk in the Pathways of Peace:

Open the Door of Our Heart

On this retreat we will stand at the threshold of our heart of hearts. How can we move through the door of our heart into a closer relationship with Jesus? For reservations or questions please contact:

Charles: 517-782-1681

Dan: 810-631-6355

St. Francis: 866-669-8321 (www.stfrancis.ws)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Annual Celebration of Life Event to benefit Pregnancy Helpline will be held on April 15th from 6:30-9pm at Brighton Church of the Nazarene. Make 2010 the year you fight for the most vulnerable, and you can start here! We will feature our famous appetizer & dessert buffet, baskets for life challenge, motivational, inspirational, and educational speakers. This year's guest speaker is Abby Johnson- From Pro-Choice to Pro-Life in one picture! For tickets please call Pregnancy Helpline at 810-494-5433 (tickets are \$20 each).

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:
03/14	12:00-6:00pm	Corned Beef Dinner/Knights
03/14	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
03/17	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
03/20-21	After Masses	Bake Sale & Quilt Raffle Fundraiser

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

Middle School Youth Group!

Date:	Time:	Event:
03/14	12:00-6:00pm	Corned Beef Dinner/Knights
03/14	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
03/16	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
03/20-21	After Masses	Bake Sale & Quilt Raffle Fundraiser

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



DISCOUNT CARDS FOR SALE!

Everyone loves a discount! So how about a discount card that you can use everyday until April 4, 2011? The youth are selling discount cards that give the owner deals at

20 businesses in Pinckney, Hamburg, Brighton and Howell. Businesses include *Cottage Inn, Big Boy, Taco Bell, McDonalds, Burger King, Hungry Howie's, Lynn's Café and Scotty Simpson's Fish and Chips, Pinckney Pub, Chili's, King Cleaners, Best Entertainment, Mexican Jones, Instant Replay Sports, Lil' Chef, Just Cuts, Bowl-e-Drome, Marco's Pizza, Still Water Grill, Western Cedar Products and Gourmet Garden.* **Cards are \$10.00 each and are available in the Parish Office or Contact the Religious Education and Youth Ministry Office@ 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or youth@stmarypinckney.org**



O God, who in this wonderful sacrament has left us a memorial of Thy passion, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood that we may ever perceive within us the fruit of Thy redemption.
~ St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

SHARK CLUB

We are looking for volunteers to work a few hours at the Shark Club in Howell. 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. We have recently secured Shark Club dates for April and we need Volunteers ASAP! Please email or call me to set up your time. All training is done on site -- there is a manual available. Amy Salowitz: 734-878-0878

rwsalowitz@yahoo.com

- Friday, April 23: 4:45-9pm (2 Volunteers)
9p-2a (2 Volunteers)
- Saturday, April 24: 4:45-9pm (2 Volunteers)
9p-2a (2 Volunteers)
- Sunday, April 25: 4:45-9pm (2 Volunteers)
9p-2a (2 Volunteers)
- Monday, April 26: 4:45-9pm (2 Volunteers)
9p-2a (2 Volunteers)

Report for March 8, 2010

Parishioner Donations - Giving Back To The Lord

	Weekly	Year To Date 07/01/09 - 03/08/10
Offertory	\$ 15,067.91	\$ 525,152.81
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 13,349.04	\$ 480,565.44
Variance	\$ 1,718.87	\$ 44,587.37
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 663.00	\$ 42,407.33
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 300,120.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		\$ 80,000.00
Shortfall		\$ (220,120.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!

St. Mary Presents

Detroit Historical Church Tours

Thursday, May 20th ~ \$59 per person

Trip Includes: Round trip motorcoach, tour of 4 historical churches, buffet style lunch (City Chicken or Kabasa with potatoes, vegetables, bread, and dessert)

Itinerary:

- 8:45am: Depart St. Mary
- 10-11am: Sweetest Heart of Mary
- 11:15-12:15pm: St. Albertus
- 12:30-2:30pm: St. Hyacinth
- 1:15pm: Lunch
- 2:45-4:30pm: St. Bonaventure & Solanus Casey
- 7pm: Return to St. Mary

Reservation Deadline: 04/29/10

Call: Lisa Stahl at 734-475-1913



Spring begins
March 20th!

MASS INTENTIONS – March 14 – 21

Sunday, March 14 – 4th Sunday of Lent

9:00am: In Memory of Bernice Theisen
By Backlund Family
11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, March 15

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, March 16

9:00am: Communion Service
5:00pm: In Memory of Rachel Campbell
By Bill & Debbie Backlund

Wednesday, March 17 - St. Patrick

9:00am: In Honor of Mrs. Joan Weber by 2nd Grade Class

Thursday, March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9:00am: In Honor of Bill & Susie Donahey

Friday, March 19 – St. Joseph

9:00am: In Honor of Marc Gibas by Domen Family

Saturday, March 20

8:30am (Chapel): In Honor of Grant Bachmura
By Grandma & Grandpa Rondeau
5:00pm: In Honor of Bob Barba by Dale & Joan Pepper

Sunday, March 21 – 5th Sunday of Lent

9:00am: For Our Parish
11:30am: In Honor of Fr. Karl Pung by Gilligan Family

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

March 15-16: D. Hall, T. Burke

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

WEEKLY READINGS – March 14 - 20

Sunday: Jos 5:9, 10-12/Ps 34/2Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16/Ps 89/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7/Jn 7:40-53

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Elizabeth Bevins, Denise Biskner, George Dudek, Sam Elia, Lori Sue Hoffman, Lyle Kinsey, Veronica Kinsey, Betty Lawicka, Chuck Makins, John Penrod, David Rogowski, Emily Rutkowski, Rhoda Wagner

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

4th Sunday of Lent

The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward.

Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along; but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

Bulletin articles are due Tuesdays at noon.

LAY MINISTERS – March 20 - 21

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

5:00pm: Self-Scheduling by Sign-Up.

9:00am: Self-Scheduling by Sign-Up.

11:30am: Self-Scheduling by Sign-Up.

Proclaimers of the Word

5:00pm: L. Wack, D. Denome

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

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

Ushers

5:00pm: Self-Scheduling by Attendance

9:00am: Self-Scheduling by Attendance

11:30am: Self-Scheduling by Attendance

Greeters:

5:00pm: Tim Jones & Family

9:00am: Menosky Family

11:30am: Meldrum Family

Altar Servers

5:00pm: S. Wack (Cross), K. Wack, D. Gonzalez

9:00am: R. Menosky (Cross), O. Menosky, J. Cross

11:30am: J. Callaghan (Cross), M. Schmidt, S. Miller

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

Linens – March: S. Katon, L. Wack

Cleaning the Altar – March 1: M. Rickelmann,

March 21: J. Pepper

Collection Counters

March 15: H. Menosky, N. Rickelmann, B. Zielinski

March 22: G. Aten, P. McGlade, R. Layman
(Need extra person)

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

The new schedule that starts on March 6-7, 2010, is now available on-line & in the parish gathering space. This 15 week schedule runs from the weekend of March 6-7 through the weekend of July 3-4, 2010. Thanks to one and all for volunteering and sharing your talents and time with the St. Mary faith community.
-Peggy Clough

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In Memory of Ervin Nemeth by Family

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