



Dear Parishioners,

And so it is upon us! As Jesus says, "Arise. Let us go. The hour is at hand." As Catholics, this is our most sacred time of the year. Unfortunately it often gets lost amid "spring break" and other activities. There is much talk these days about "Catholic identity." Too often it is simply associated with political and moral views. The reality, however, is that there is no such thing as "Catholic identity" if it is not rooted in the customs and the theology of this week. If we fail to understand and celebrate the Triduum, our Catholic essence is gone. The passion, death and resurrection of Christ is about who we are and affects all we do. Jews cannot understand who they are without a thorough understanding of the Passover, and Christians cannot understand who they are without a thorough understanding of the Pascha/the Passover of Christ. So please, for who and what you are, and for the sake of your children and their future religious self-identity and understanding, take part in these sacred rites this coming week.

In our bulletin is a purple sheet of all times and activities. Please keep it handy this week.

A blessed Holy week to you all, Fr. Bill Wegher

Women's Group starting!



Can you relate to Busy as a Bee? Do you long for fellowship with other women? Do you want to discuss how to fit God into your life? Are you new to the community or just don't know where you belong in the community? Join other women in faith and fellowship starting **Monday, April 12th from 7:00-8:30pm** in Conference Room B. Call the office at 734-878-3161 or Beth Corwin at 517-518-0703 to RSVP or inquire.

First Topic: "Beauty at the Heart of Everything."



Family Life Night

Tuesday

April 20, 2010

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'?

English Cottage Pie, Green Salad, Dinner Rolls, Jello 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!



The **Blessing of Easter Food** is an ancient custom. Giving thanks to God for our blessings is as ancient as the human relationship with our Creator and Provider. Sacred meals, especially the Passover meal, were common in Judaism. After the Lenten fast, we pray that our bodies may be worthy of and ready for the rich food and blessings we are about to receive.

We bring the food in baskets, covered with special embroidered or decorated scarves or covers. The joy of the Resurrection is visible on the outside, as well as spiritually. A candle is placed in the basket, representing the light of Christ, and the new Easter candle. If you do not have a special decorated candle for such an occasion, we will provide simple candles for you at the blessing.

Traditionally the blessing takes place after the Easter Vigil, but may be celebrated earlier for the sake of the faithful. The Easter meal should be of only those foods blessed for the celebration of the Resurrection, prepared on Holy Saturday – so that we may rest on the Lord's Day – the Day of Days.

Meats, such as ham, sausage, and lamb can be prepared the day before and represent the richness and heartiness of God's blessing. **Easter Bread or Pascha** reminds us of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life come down from heaven. **Eggs** are a universal symbol of new life, and remind us of the life that emerged from the hard tomb. **Dairy Products** such as butter and cheese remind us of the daily moderation of Christian life. **Easter sweets and candies** remind us to reflect upon the sweetness of the Lord.

Various cultures within our Catholic tradition have specific customs. Research yours and prepare your baskets appropriately. In anticipation of the Vigil Service a couple of hours later, we announce,

"CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!"

Blessing of Food is at 5:00 p.m. this year, closer to its intended time. This allows time for preparation of Easter foods on Holy Saturday. It will take place in the main gathering space. Please share this custom with your children.

LENTE PENANCE SERVICES

March 29: St. Mary Magdalen, Brighton 7:30pm



ADORATION SCHEDULE

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Wednesday, March 31, at approximately 6:30pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Easter Sunday, April 4, after the 11:30am Mass. The St. Mary's Eucharistic Adoration Team wishes everyone a most blessed and holy Easter.

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 27	RCIA RETREAT	8:30- 5:00PM
	PALM SUNDAY LITURGY	5:00PM
	RCIA RETREAT DINNER	6:00PM
March 31	EASTER VIGIL PRACTICE	7-8:30PM
April 1	HOLY THURSDAY--	
	CHRISM MASS-LANSING	10:30AM
	(carpool at 8:45AM)	
	MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	7PM
	(arrive at 6:15PM)	
	EVENING PRAYER	10:45PM
April 2	GOOD FRIDAY--	
	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	12 NOON
	SERVICE	1:00PM
April 3	EASTER VIGIL (arrive at 7pm)	8:00PM
April 18	MYSTAGOGIA	12:45-1:45PM
May 2	MYSTAGOGIA	12:45-1:45PM
May 16	MTSTAGOGIA	
	(POTLUCK CELEBRATION)	TBD

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

Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

Religious Education K-8

03/28-4/4	NO CLASS
04/11	10:15-11:20am Class (K-8)
	<u>1st Eucharist Formation</u>
03/28-4/4	NO CLASS
04/11	10:15-11:20am Class
04/18	10:15-11:20am Class and Parent Meeting

Confirmation

Next Session: 04/18/10 Formation Session
(Sign up for Pastoral Interviews!!)

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.

VOTIVE CANDLE MEMORIAL

(No Candles during Holy Week March 28-April 3)
Week of April 4th:

In Memory of Patricia Lichwala by Family

In Memory of Joseph Passalacqua by Leonard Lichwala

Beach Bash!
April 17th



BEACH BASH – AUCTION

Hello Beach Combers!!

We are one month away from a St. Mary stay-cation! Come join us walk along the waters edge while finding some great treasures. Dive into our strolling buffet featuring

foods from throughout the Pinckney area. Splash and have fun during our LIVE auction where anything can happen. Get registered for the “hottest” party in town. Log on to school.stmarypinckney.org and purchase your BEACH BASH e-tickets – credit card required. See you at the BEACH!

- Catch a Wave – or a great *LIVE* item
Nicklas Lidstrom Signed Jersey
Red Wings Captain and 18 NHL seasons with the Wings. Lidstrom has won four Stanley Cups (1997,1998, 2002, 2008), he has six James Norris Memorial Trophies, and voted into 10 NHL All-Star games. To date, he is the only European-born and trained NHL captain to win the Stanley Cup. Lidstrom is an Olympic Gold Medalist (2006 for Sweden) and Conn Smythe Trophy Winner (2002). Truly one of Hockey's great defensemen and role models. Don't miss out on this authentic, framed NHL, signed Jersey.

- The Pipeline - *what's happening – other cool stuff*
Traverse City Wine Tour and Lodging
Grand Rapids Excursion
Great Lake Irish Music Festival Tickets
Pinckney Players “Duck Hunter Shoots Angel”
Family Puppy Birthday Party

- DUDE! - *we need these items*
Lemon Vodka
Signed Sports Memorabilia
Planet 51 – The Movie
Gardening Accessories and Décor
JoAnn Fabric Gift Cards

For more information on getting registered, to volunteer or general auction info, please contact Pamela McGlade at onthe8th@charter.net

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.**

3rd ANNUAL ADOPT AN ISLAND CHALLENGE

To enhance the beauty of our facility we are continuing plans for our program called "Adopt an Island Challenge". Families, groups, teams will adopt one of the traffic islands in our parking lot and be responsible to enhance their beauty with flowers and planting and then insure their upkeep over the spring and summer. In the fall we will have a judging of the islands to determine the "Challenge" winners. For details or to adopt one of our islands or to keep your current island please contact Trese Steinaway via email steinawaytrese@hotmail.com or by calling 734-564-1219.

EBE EUCHRE EXTRAVAGANZA!

On behalf of the planning committee we would like to thank all of our table sponsors, door prize donors and of course all that came out for the first annual Ebe Euchre Extravaganza. Thru everyone's efforts we were able to raise \$2,000.00 for the Ebe Hennigan Scholarship here at St. Mary School. We hope to make this an annual event to honor the Memory of our sister Ebe and to keep the scholarship funded so that a student here at St. Mary's will benefit in Ebe's memory.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS

The Knights of Columbus would like to announce the Knight and Family of the Year for 2009. Brother Kevin Schang was selected as Knight of the Year for running the Knights programs and always being there to step-up and help. The John Polich family was selected as Family of the Year. John was chairman of the festival & along with his family runs coffee & doughnuts after 9:00 Mass on Sundays and also ushers at Mass. Congratulations to Kevin & the Polich family.

CEMETERY NEWS

As spring arrives we need to set aside a date for a clean up at our St. Mary Cemetery. Mark Saturday, May 1st on your calendars for this event. Additional details will follow in the weeks before the clean up.

Also, please keep in mind that we do not have rubbish disposal at the Cemetery. It is your responsibility to remove anything that needs to be disposed from the Cemetery grounds. Please do not leave flowers, flowerpots, bags, decorations, grave blankets or anything else, for that matter, piled up around the pump building or especially around the statue of our Patron Saint Mary at the cemetery. Promptly remove your own rubbish and lets work to maintain the dignity and beauty of this eternal resting place for our parish members called home to the Lord. As the budget allows, we are trying to have a dumpster placed for grave blanket removal; this would be the only time appropriate to discard items at the Cemetery.

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE

April 8 & April 9: 9am-5pm & April 10: 9am-Noon

Located on the corner of Winans Lake & Musch Roads, Brighton, Michigan. Information (810) 231-9199, Ext. 200



St. Mary Youth Ministries Quilt Raffle!

Tickets are on sale for our annual quilt raffle. 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!" Call 734-878-2217 ext. 203 or stop in the office to purchase your tickets.



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**

CASSEROLE CREW

After almost 10 years of coordinating casserole crew, Therese Redpath and Julie Flaherty are stepping down. We are looking for 1-2 people to lead casserole crew. This involves making phone calls to the families in need of meals as well as coordinating the schedule of meals. It has been a very fulfilling ministry for both of us. Please consider helping this ministry continue. If you are interested, please contact Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547.



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 Whooley

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)

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED

During the School Spring Break the church floors will be waxed. We are asking for volunteers to help move the chairs from the worship space on Tuesday, April 6th AND on Friday, April 9th place the chairs back into the worship space! We will start at 8am on both days. Thank you!

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).

9 DAY TRIP TO POLAND - July 11 - 19, 2010. Cost: \$2999. Join Fr. Gordon Reigle and Fr. Chas Canoy as we visit the sites and sounds of St. Faustina, John Paul II, St. Kolbe, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Auschwitz and more. With a 2 night post option to Medjugorje. For additional information contact Group Coordinator Suzanne Krisak at 734-944-1599 or 248-931-0194 or email skrisak@peoplepc.com

Report for March 22, 2010

Parishioner Donations -Giving Back To The Lord

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
		07/01/09 -03/22/10
Offertory	\$ 9,859.82	\$ 548,926.61
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 13,349.04	\$ 507,263.52
Variance	\$ (3,489.22)	\$ 41,663.09
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 675.00	\$ 43,471.33
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 337,635.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		\$ 90,000.00
Shortfall		\$ (247,635.00)

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 at 734-475-1913

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>
03/28	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
03/31	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
04/01	7:00pm	Holy Thursday-Hold Candles
04/02	12:00pm	Living Stations (rehearsal 9am)
04/03	8:30pmish	Easter Vigil (support our members)
03/28	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration
04/07		NO YOUTH GROUP
04/14	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Meeting
04/14	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
04/17	Sign up	Auction Help

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>Even</u>
03/28	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration-P&W
03/30	7:00pm-8:30pm	Youth Group
04/01	7:00pm	Holy Thursday-Hold Candles
04/02	12:00pm	Living Stations
04/03	8:30pmish	Easter Vigil (support our members)
03/28	7:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Hour-Adoration
04/06		NO YOUTH GROUP
0413	6:00pm-7:00pm	Leadership Meeting
0413	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

St. Mary School is seeking volunteers to help staff the April Shark Club dates.

Friday, April 23: 4:45p-9p (1 needed)

Saturday, April 24: 4:45p-9p (2 needed)
9:00p-2a (2 needed)

Sunday, April 25: 9p-2a (2 needed)

If you are interested and available, please contact Amy Salowitz at 734 878 0878 or rwsalowitz@yahoo.com

RAFFLE

Only one week left before we pull out the first \$500 winner. Return your raffle ticket stubs and money ASAP to the parish office or collection basket. We have extra tickets available to sell, if interested contact the parish office.

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, March 21, 2010:

\$25 winners-

Brad & Debbie Miller

David & Kim Plait

Rebecca Germain

Robert & Wendy Warshal

Mike Casey

MASS INTENTIONS – March 28 – April 4

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

9:00am: In Memory of Bernice Theisen by Cieciek Family

11:30am: For Our Parish

Monday, March 29

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, March 30

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: In Memory of Miriam Gilligan by Gilligan Family

***Confessions: 5:45pm-7:00pm**(Last Opportunity before Easter)

Wednesday, March 31

9:00am: In Honor of Joan Pepper (on her birthday)

By Dale Pepper

Thursday, April 1- Holy Thursday

7:00pm: In Memory of Patricia Charboneau

By Milton E. Charboneau

***8:30pm-11:00pm:** Quiet Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament (School Lobby)

***10:45pm:** Night Prayer (School Lobby)

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

9:00am: Morning Prayer (School Lobby)

**** NO MASS**

Noon: Stations of the Cross

1:00pm: Good Friday Services

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

**** NO MASS**

**** (NO CONFESSIONS)**

****5:00pm:** Blessing of Food

8:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass

In Memory of Rose Gniewek & Family

By Susan Katon

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Honor of Timothy Bock (on his birthday)

By Mom

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

March 29-30: D. Hall, T. Burke

April 5: J. Wilson

WEEKLY READINGS – March 28 - April 3

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56

Monday: Is 42:1-7Ps 27/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50-4-9/Ps 69/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18: 1—19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1—2:2/Ps 104/Gn 22:1-18/Ps 16/Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

OUR PRAYER LIST

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

Victoria Barnowski, Denise Biskner, Lyle Kinsey,

Chuck Makins, John Penrod

LAY MINISTERS – April 3 – 4

(Easter Weekend)

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: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Ushers

5:00pm: Self-Scheduling by Attendance

9:00am: Self-Scheduling by Attendance

11:30am: Self-Scheduling by Attendance

Greeters

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Altar Servers

5:00pm: Please sign up.

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up

8:00pm: RCIA

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

Linens – March: S. Katon, L. Wack

April: R. Miller, M. Sheehan

Cleaning the Altar – March: J. Pepper

April: J. Helmboldt

Collection Counters

March 29: S. Kronk, D. Eggleston, B. Zielinski

April 5: A. Martin, S. Walton, P. McGlade, D. Backlund

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Palm Sunday

“The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today’s first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?



He wants you to know that Good Friday follows Holy Thursday because Good Friday is the price Jesus willingly and lovingly paid to give us the complete gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist flows from Our Lord’s Passion and is the sweet fruit of all His suffering for like wheat which is beaten, broken and crushed before it becomes bread, Jesus was willing to be beaten, broken and crushed in His Passion that He may become for us the “*Living Bread come down from heaven,*” for He said, “*The bread I will give is My flesh for the life of the world.*” (Jn 6:51) Through His terrible death on the Cross, we have everlasting, immortal, divine life in Him through the Holy Eucharist.