



Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! This coming week (Monday through Friday), I will be attending the National Conference on Christian Unity and Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue. As the diocesan Ecumenical Officer, this meeting helps form bonds for me/us not only nationally, but within our state as well. Please pray for the hundreds who are attending this conference and for Christian unity in general. Because of my absence, there will be no daily mass Tuesday to Friday. As priests - diminished in number - we have asked parishioners to pray the Liturgy of the Hours in our absence. Please remember that hundreds of thousands of Catholics throughout our world do not have access to daily Eucharist. Be in solidarity with them, and pray the universal prayer of the Church.

See you next weekend, Fr. Bill Wegher

RCIA THANK YOU

To our very dear RCIA Neophytes--we can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. We are all very proud of you and happy for you, although we are also sad because our part in your journey as members of the RCIA is almost over. Although we will always be there for you, it will be in different roles. We have created some great memories together, and it has been our humble honor to have walked with you and to have witnessed God's work in you. You have been an incredible example and inspiration to all of us. Thank you for answering God's call.

To our RCIA Team—your commitment, dedication and joy has been amazing. Without you this year would not have been able to happen. Thank you for being the hands, feet, spokespersons for Christ.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to the St. Mary's Men's Club for their support and for donating the quiche for our Retreat breakfast; and to Cathy Phipps for so generously supplying us with breakfast, lunch and dinner on our Retreat day; and to Susan LeVasseur for making the beautiful & delicious cakes for our Easter Vigil Afterglow.

Sincerely, Jan Bartek, RCIA Director

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:

April 18	Mass of the Neophytes	11:30 Mass
(We will sit together for the last time in the first 3 rows)		
Followed by Mystagogia Meeting in Multi-Use 12:45-1:45		
May 2	Mystagogia Mtg	Worship Space 12:45-1:45
May 16	Pot-Luck Picnic	off campus 2:00pm

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

OPEN ENROLLMENT

St. Mary School is now open for enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year. St. Mary School is a Preschool thru 8th grade school offering students more one on one attention with smaller class sizes, a faith based curriculum, and a teaching staff with over 215 years of combined teaching experience. St. Mary students have the opportunity to live their faith by attending Mass one to two times weekly and by beginning each day with all school Morning Prayer led by the students. Our students continue to have high test scores on MEAP tests and are well prepared for high school. We also offer before and after school Latchkey. To better serve the community, we will be offering **preschool 2 to 5 days a week** for children ages 3 to 5 years old with the option of afternoon day care available for those who need it. **We also offer an afternoon Young 5's program for children who are not yet ready for kindergarten.** If you would like to come in to visit the school or to register your child, please contact the school office at 734-878-5616.

**Religious Education & Sacramental Prep
2010-2011 Registration**

2010-11 Sessions: Summer 2010, Sunday 2010-11, Confirmation, 1st Reconciliation, and Eucharist. We do have a home school program and are surveying for a weekday program.

When and Where to Register:

- Sundays during Religious Education in April and May in School/Religious Ed Offices.
- Tuesday, April 20th during Family Life Night in the Multipurpose Room
- Wednesday, April 28th from 5-8pm in the Multipurpose Room
- Thursday, May 6th from 9-11am in multi-use room.
- Wednesday, May 19th from 5-8pm in the multi-purpose room.
- Anytime in the Parish Office



**SHARING HOPE
IN DIFFICULT TIMES**

Today is Commitment Weekend for our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our parish goal –as always- is 100% participation, not just the thirty to forty percent that are always helping. Can you imagine the additional good works that can be accomplished with just a 10% increase in the number of donors in our parish? In order to achieve our parish goal each of us must give as generously as possible, according to our means. The programs, services and ministries supported by our Diocesan Services Appeal are intended to meet the needs of Catholics in our Diocese of Lansing. The Church serves each of us, and our financial support is needed to continue God's work here in our parish and in our diocese. This year, 50% of all paid pledges in excess of our parish goal, will come back to our parish for local use.

THE NEED FOR SACRAMENTS IN FAMILY LIFE

Each Family Life Night this year we have focused on one of the seven sacraments and how we need to live the sacraments in our every day family life. Next Tuesday's FLN will highlight the "other" healing sacrament, Anointing of the Sick. While the sacrament of Reconciliation heals us of the stain of sin, anointing of the sick "...conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude." (CCC1520)

Most anxiety, discouragement, and temptation are due to suffering from illness, addictions, emotional stress, spiritual weakness, etc. To be anointed and prayed over by a priest is a sign that Jesus wants to take on our infirmities and that we wish to be healed of them. Praying together as a community for all of us to be healed of the things that negatively affect our family life here on Earth and our future life in Heaven, is very powerful.

Consider joining your faith family next Tuesday night for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and let's pray for one another at a short 10 minute prayer service at 6:15 p.m. Those who are unable to arrive for the "early" seating, dinner is served until 7 p.m., and the prayer service is repeated for those members at 6:45 p.m.

We will have a resource table setup outside the multi-purpose room of help available for a multitude of areas in family life that may require professional assistance. You may want to pick up information for relatives and friends in need.



Family Life Night Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Dinner Served: 5:30-7:00pm
Prayer Service & Spiritual Entree:
6:15pm and 6:45pm

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

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

What's Cookin'?

English Cottage Pie, Green Salad, Dinner Rolls, Jello and Delicious Dessert!

(Oh and there will be hotdogs as usual.)

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

During this weekend you can experience God's love, healing, peace and forgiveness. The retreat theme this year is "Knowing the God of Jesus." Join the men of the parish on the weekend of May 14 - May 16. Register today by calling John Schenden at 734-878-3291 or Dale Pepper at 734-878-9454, or contact the retreat center directly at 313-535-9563.

Community Kitchen for Christ
Volunteers needed to prep & cook & serve meal
Saturday, April 24 ~ 11:15am-1:30pm
Shalom Lutheran Church, Pinckney
Contact Julie Flaherty 734-878-9547

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. Please give our parish office a call at 734-878-3161 for more details on this unique gift.



VOTIVE CANDLE MEMORIAL

Week of April 18, 2010

In Honor of Steven Prusak by Larry & Ann Pabin



BREAKFAST

Join us on Sunday, May 2nd, as St. Mary's Men's Club sponsors our monthly Country Style Breakfast! Breakfast is served 8:30am until 11am and is a free-will donation. Proceeds will help provide funding for the Parish "Pinckney Community Festival" 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". Our Musical guest star, Cinderella looks to have all the young ladies join her in their Princess Costumes. Multi-chance raffles add to the festivities. Everyone is welcome! For further information call the parish office 734-878-3161.

Faith Formation Kindergarten - Confirmation

Religious Education K-8

04/18	10:15-11:20am	Class (K-8)
04/25		NO CLASS
05/02	10:15-11:20am	Class (K-8)

1st Eucharist Formation

04/18	10:15-11:20am	Class and Parent Meeting
04/21	7:00-8:30pm	Practice in the Worship Space
04/22	6:30pm	1st Eucharist Dinner
04/25	Sign Up	Pictures
04/25	1:30pm	1st Eucharist Liturgy

Confirmation

Session Today: 04/18/10

Next Session: 05/01/10 Retreat

(Sign up for Pastoral Interviews!! Forms given out 04/18/10)



April 25th our young people will be receiving 1st Holy Eucharist! Please pray for all of our young sisters and brothers in this time of prayer and preparation!



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The applications for the Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship are now available in the school and parish offices. To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be currently in grades K-11 *and* must have attended St. Mary School for at least one year. The purpose of the scholarship is to help pay for private music lessons. **Applications are due May 15**, and recipients will be notified by phone by June 10.

Keep reading the bulletin and Marian Messenger for more details regarding the scholarship and it's fund raising event. Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn M. Trierweiler, scholarship committee member



COME ONE – COME ALL Please join us on Friday, May 7th for a Delicious Spaghetti Dinner!!!

The dinner will be served 4:30pm until 7pm in the multi-use room. The dinner will be held in memory of Tricia Berger, a former St. Mary School music teacher. Free-will donations will be accepted for the Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship Fund.

Report for April 12, 2010

Parishioner Donations	-Giving Back To The Lord	
	Weekly	Year To Date
	07/01/09 –04/12/10	
Offertory	\$ 10,704.00	\$ 595,532.77
Operating Budget Reqmnt	\$ 13,349.04	\$ 547,310.64
Variance	\$ (2,645.04)	\$ 48,222.13
Debt Reduction/FaithQuest Collected	\$ 913.00	\$ 47,795.72
Mortgage Payment Requirement		\$ 375,150.00
Mortgage Amount Paid		\$ 100,000.00
Shortfall		\$ (275,150.00)

Thank you for your generous donations!

St Agnes presents: DINNER & A SHOW APRIL 25, 2010 AT 3PM

St. Agnes Church, 855 E. Grand River, Fowlerville is hosting a special DINNER & A SHOW event in the Parish Life Center at 3:00pm on Sunday, April 25, 2010. Tickets are available now and will include a full dinner and a musical variety show featuring the singing nuns and other special appearances.

Along with the DINNER & A SHOW the event will include two 50/50 cash prize drawings and a cash bar. Seating is LIMITED so tables and tickets are available on a first come first serve basis. Cost for tickets is \$20 with a table of 8 available for a discounted price of \$150.

Call 517-223-8684 for more information or to reserve your tickets, as this event is likely to sell out.

MAY CROWNING

Please join us as we honor Mary, Our Mother, on Sunday, May 2nd, at 10:15 am. All school age children are encouraged to put their name in a drawing to crown Mary. A girl and a boy will be chosen to do the honors. There will be a box for the drawing in the church & school gathering spaces. We would like to encourage all First Communion children to join the procession and dress in their First Communion clothes.

We will honor Mary with a brief service of songs and devotions. Please bring fresh flowers to present to Our Blessed Mother as we show her our love and devotion!



YOUNG ADULT TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, May 1, 2010, 7:00pm

Hosted by Livingston YAM at

St. John the Baptist

2099 N. Hacker Rd., Howell

\$10 per person, Tables of eight - Register

individually or gather a team! Bring an appetizer to

share at your table. Cash prizes & door prizes will be awarded!

Contact Shannon ASAP to reserve a spot - first 3 tables will receive free drink tickets - don't delay!

LivingstonYAM@gmail.com or (810)229-9863 x221



Polish Dinner and Dance at St. Joseph Howell Saturday, May 1st from 6:15 to 10:00 PM

Dinner Includes: Homemade Golabki, Pierogi, & Sauerkraut, Kielbasa, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Applesauce, Salad and Roll, Beverages

Ticket Prices for Dinner: \$8 Adult \$7 Senior \$5 Kids

Live Polka Band and Raffle Drawing

Call 517.546.0090 Ext. 105

MATURE SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

Women in the older stage of life are invited to come and enjoy a day retreat hosted by the Apostolate for the Eucharistic Life at the Bread of Life Retreat Residence in Ann Arbor on Thursday, May 13, 2010, the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima! The day begins at 9:00 a.m., concludes at 3:00 p.m., and includes the holy sacrifice of the Mass, an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, private prayer time, and a spiritual talk on being women of grace. A donation of \$25 is suggested for this day retreat. Space is very limited so call 734/332-9733 today to be a part of this very special day. We are handicap accessible. Those needing assistance may bring a caregiver with them.



I believe that this is Your pure Body
and Your own precious Blood.

~St. John Chrysostom



Come walk with us!
St. Mary Women's Group!
 9 Beautiful Souls met last Monday and welcome you to walk your journey with us! Join other women in faith and fellowship on

Monday, April 26th 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. The group will meet every other Monday evening.

Topic: (Continuation)
"Beauty at the Heart of Everything"

RAFFLE

It is not too late to return your raffle ticket money. There is a chance to win every week. We pull out a \$500 winner on May 23rd (Pentecost) and then a \$1,000 winner on June 27th (Parish Festival). We have extra tickets available, if interested contact the parish office.

Congratulations to the following raffle ticket winners for Sunday, April 11, 2010:
 \$25 winners-
 Joe & Beth Hovorka
 Dave Jones
 John Kasprzak
 Terry Braciszewski
 Ron & Joann Jessop

MASS & GUEST SPEAKER

Holy Spirit Respect Life Committee invites you to join them on Tuesday, April 20 after the 7:00pm Mass to hear attorney and international speaker Rita Marker. Marker is the Executive Director for the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, and is one of the nation's foremost experts on end-of-life legal and ethical issues. Her talk will address a number of topics, including Advance Directives (including living wills), the food & fluids debate, and end-of-life counseling in the recently signed Health Care Reform law. Her talk is sponsored by Holy Spirit parish Respect Life Committee and refreshments will be provided.

For questions, please contact Jason Negri at 810-772-1897 or jasonnegri@gmail.com.



Youth Flower Sale! May 8-9th !

Mark the date...youth will be selling Hanging Baskets and holding the drawing for the Quilt being raffled.

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.

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:
04/18	7:00pm-8:00pm	Adoration
04/21	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
04/25	7:00pm-8:00pm	Adoration
04/28	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!

Date:	Time:	Even
04/18	7:00pm-8:00pm	Adoration
04/20	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group
04/25	7:00pm-8:00pm	Adoration
04/27	7:00pm-9:00pm	Youth Group

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**

**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)

Reservation Deadline: 04/29/10 Call: Lisa at 734-475-1913

MASS INTENTIONS – April 18 - 25

Sunday, April 18 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00am: For Our Parish

11:30am: In Memory of Elizabeth Raciti
By Jeff & Lisa Wack & Family

Monday, April 19

9:00am: Communion Service

Tuesday, April 20

9:00am: Communion Service

5:00pm: NO MASS

Wednesday, April 21 – St. Anselm

9:00am: NO MASS

Thursday, April 22

9:00am: NO MASS

Friday, April 23 – St. George, St. Adalbert

9:00am: NO MASS

Saturday, April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30am (Chapel): In Honor of those recovering from surgery

5:00pm: In Thanksgiving for Cathy Phipps by RCIA

Sunday, April 25 – 4th Sunday of Easter

9:00am: For the Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society by R.A.S.

11:30am: For Our Parish

COMMUNION SERVICE LEADERS

April 19-20: J. Wilson, T. Burke

April 26-27: D. Hall, J. Wilson

WEEKLY READINGS – April 18 - 24

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 30/Rev 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1/Ps 31/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8/Ps 66/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116/Jn 6:60-69

OUR PRAYER LIST

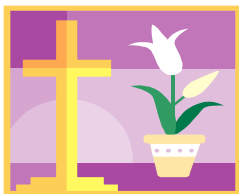
May God's healing hand reach out and hold you:

Victoria Barnowski, Denise Biskner, Lyle Kinsey,
Chuck Makins, John Penrod

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

3rd Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."



LAY MINISTERS – April 24 - 25

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: D. Schroeder, P. Hohl

9:00am: D. Hall, J. Bartek

11:30am: M. Flaherty, K. Storemski

Ushers

5:00pm: Self-Scheduling by Attendance

9:00am: Self-Scheduling by Attendance

11:30am: Self-Scheduling by Attendance

Greeters

5:00pm: J. Carney, W. Stevens

9:00am: Bogin Family

11:30am: B. Olsit, K. Olsit

Altar Servers

5:00pm: S. Wack (Cross), K. Wack, T. deBeauclair

9:00am: K. Nagy (Cross), L. Witttrup, L. Hall

11:30am: E. Flaherty (Cross), M. Flaherty, P. Flaherty

Offertory Gifts

5:00pm: Please sign up

9:00am: Please sign up.

11:30am: Please sign up.

Home Chalice Program

Please sign up.

Linens – April: R. Miller, M. Sheehan

Cleaning the Altar – April: J. Helmboldt

Collection Counters

April 19: H. Menosky, B. Zielinski, N. Rickelmann

April 26: M. Glynn, G. Aten, R. Layman, P. McGlade



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 Whooley

MASS INTENTIONS

Are you having trouble choosing a gift for that someone special? You could consider having a Mass Intention in their honor. We also offer Mass Intentions for those loved ones who are deceased. There is no better way to show our love for someone than to offer our prayers for them. Please give our parish office a call at 734-878-3161 if interested in this unique gift.

Wedding Bann III
Erin Sredzinski ~ Chris Russell

Bulletin articles are due on Tuesdays at noon!