FABULOUS 50’s SCHOOL AUCTION 2020

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our school!
Readings for the Week of March 1, 2020

Sunday First Sunday of Lent: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lk 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:17-18

Wednesday Saint Casimir: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Second Sunday of Lent: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY:

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK:

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULES: March 7-8, 2020

Altar Servers:
5pm: L. & Z. deBeauclair 9am: G. Lackey, L. Schneider, C. Sweet
11:30am: J. & C. Burke

Greeters:
5pm: Watson 9am: Magier, Nemeth 11:30am Jarvis

Collection Counters:
03/02: Hinkle, Zielinski, Kronk, Reske 03/09: Hazel, Rickelmann, Wallace

Altar Linens March: Leonard/Wack  Altar Cleaning March: Katon/Stahl

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 1
9:00am For the Repose of the Soul of Sandy Krolewski by Brian Lenenan & Joellen Bucher
11:30am Intentions of St. Mary Parish

Tuesday, March 3
7:00pm For the Repose of the Soul of Paul James Martus by Lee & Carolyn Hazel

Wednesday, March 4
8:30am For the Intentions of St. Mary School

Thursday, March 5
8:30am For the Repose of the Soul of Lavern Keiser by Wilutus & Moe Families

Friday, March 6
8:30am For the Repose of the Soul of Joseph Andres by Noch Family

Saturday, March 7
9:00am Special Intention
5:00pm For the Repose of the Soul of Eloise Berendt by Frank Berendt

Sunday, March 8
9:00am Intentions of St. Mary Parish
11:30am In Honor of Dcn Kevin Wiley by Jan Bartek
Diocese of Lansing tuition assistance is available for the 2020/2021 school year:

The Diocese of Lansing Grant
Grades K-8, $750.00 per student
Grades 9-12, $1,000.00 per student

The Venerable Augustus Tolton Scholarship
Grades K-12, $500.00 per student
In addition to the grant criteria for all grants, student must be African-American, or Black and show a need of at least $500.00.

Grant Criteria eligibility for all grants:
Family must complete a FACTS financial aid application online on, or before, March 1, 2020. Student must show a financial need of at least $750.00. The student must be Catholic, attend a Diocese of Lansing school, and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Lansing.

For more information on the grants, and how to apply go to dolcatholicschools.org

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2020-2021 Preschool Enrollment for current families will take place on Monday, March 2nd. Open enrollment will take place on Wednesday, March 4th. Registration packets are currently available. Parents must have all registration papers and deposit turned in to be completely registered and save their spot in the classroom. Children ages 3, 4, and 5 MUST be independent in the bathroom and completely out of diapers and pull-ups as we are licensed as a “Preschool” program and not a “daycare” program.

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SERVERS AND GREETERS
There will be a new schedule coming out in March for April through June 2020 for altar servers and greeters only. If you do not want to continue as a server or greeter or if you will be unavailable for certain dates, please notify the office by March 17. If you want to be included as a server or greeter and are not presently on the roster, please also let the office know by March 17. If you don’t notify the office and are put on the schedule for a date you cannot make, please find a substitute. Thank you.

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COUNCIL 11761 KNIGHTS SCHEDULE
MARCH 2020

08: Life Rosary before 9:00 am Mass
10: General Business Meeting 7:45 pm
12: 4th Degree Potluck/Meeting 6:30-9pm
21-22: Kans for Kids all weekend
25: Officers Meeting 7:30 pm
28-29: Men’s Lenten Retreat St. Mary
29: Fifth Sunday Rosary after 9:00 am Mass
29 Coffee & Doughnuts after 9:00 am Mass

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS
MARCH RIGHT TO LIFE EVENTS

"40 Days for Life Spring Campaign begins on Ash Wednesday and runs through Palm Sunday. As before there will be Jericho Marches each of the 7 Sundays throughout Lent. Fr. Dan and St. Mary will lead the Jericho March on March 15th from 2-3pm. Please arrive about 1:45 and bring the family! It is a mile walk around the block which encompasses Planned Parenthood, Ann Arbor.

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Contact Dani Hope: dnegri@stmarypinckney.org
MS Schedule:
3/4 Cenacle Supper 6-8pm
3/11 6-8pm
3/18 6-8pm
3/25 6-8pm
HS Schedule:
3/11 & 3/25: 8-9pm with Fr Dan

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ENCOURAGE IN FAITH

Last week Fr. Dan’s shared with you our parish’s core purpose; “to bring Jesus Christ to the center of the life of each family.” Through much prayer and discussion the Parish Leadership Team has identified three core values that support and enable our core purpose; Encourage in Faith, Take it to Christ, and Speak the Truth. Each of these core values, if we accept them both individually and corporately, will no doubt draw each of us into a deeper relationship with our Lord and with our sisters and brothers in faith. Today, I’ll take a moment to share with you the first of our three core values that will guide our parish, our parish teams and each of us as individuals in our mission to bring Jesus Christ to the center of the life of each family.

Encourage in Faith is our parish’s first core value. You’re no stranger to the fact that our culture today is intolerant of our Catholic beliefs, in fact the world around us would be quite happy if we were to keep our faith private and out of public view. That indeed may be their wish but that’s not what God has in mind for us. He doesn’t want us to “privatize” our spiritual lives. For affirmation of this we can look to the Apostle James when he said...

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.”

If we choose to keep our faith to ourselves, if we privatize our faith we become isolated and alone. And when we are alone we’re vulnerable which gives the evil one an opportunity to gain a foothold, to present us with lies that are designed to turn us away from God. To Encourage in Faith means that you and I are called to look for opportunities to help our sisters and brothers when they’re most vulnerable and most in need. Maybe you have a friend who has begun to question God’s loving presence her life, or maybe you know a dad who’s overwhelmed with the responsibilities of being a Catholic parent or maybe you’re discouraged because the teachings of our Church puts you at odds with friends and family who believe what the culture says is right and good. These and other situations can become our opportunity to bring Jesus to the center of someone’s life; to be with them, to pray over them and for them, and to encourage them in their faith.

The Apostle James said later in his letter that “for just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.” If we succumb to “privatizing” our faith our works then become silent and when our works grow silent so too does the Gospel and when the Good News of Jesus Christ falls silent, our faith is dead. My friends, take advantage of the opportunities God gives us each and every day to encourage our sisters and brothers in faith!

-Deacon Kevin

“Happy the one who trusts in the Lord.”

This scripture text from the Book of Proverbs affirms a fundamental teaching of the Catholic Church – only in God will we find the truth and happiness that we seek, the happiness that we were made for.

Our Diocesan Services Appeal is an opportunity to participate personally in the service and care provided through the many good works of the Catholic Church. DSA contributions are put to work, right away, in a multitude of ministries and spiritual activities to offer direct assistance to individuals and families, to our parishes and schools.

Next weekend our parish will conduct Commitment Weekend for our Diocesan Services Appeal. This is when we will be asking each member of St. Mary Parish to consider a generous gift to DSA. Our parish goal of $57,689.00 can be reached if each one of us shares a portion of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. Please prayerfully consider how you or your family will respond to this call to carry on Christ’s work in our community.

2020 DSA Prayer

Loving and gracious God, we praise you and we thank you for the bountiful gifts that you have bestowed upon us.

Help us to understand that it is only in You that we find the truth and happiness we seek – the happiness we are made for.

Help us to understand and embrace the Diocesan Services Appeal as a way to faithfully participate in the good works of Your Holy Catholic Church.

Please bless our united efforts and help us to see Jesus in all whom we encounter.
**Tickets On Sale Now!**
Join Livingston County Catholic Charities on March 14, 2020, to celebrate 35 YEARS serving Livingston County at their

**SALUTE TO THE STARS EVENT**

Bishop Boyea will be presiding at 5pm Mass at St. Joseph, Howell. Celebration will start at 6:30pm at Crystal Gardens.

**Ticket Deadline: March 6, 2020**
Tickets include dinner, cash bar, honoree presentation, good will offering and open dance floor with the dynamic music of Denise Davis & the Motor City Sensations.

**Honorees: Volunteers “St. Mary’s Own” DENNIS & CHRIS WYSOCKI**
Visit www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org to purchase your tickets or call Julie or Gudrun at 517-545-5944.
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A Bright Smile—Nick & Rachael Morley
A Bright Smile, The Sky is the Limit, and Blessed Mother Statue —Mike & Mary Fill
VIP Student—Holly Shook
Christmas Mountain Village Dells—Todd & Angela Darling
Alaskan Cruise—Pamela Meisner
Higgins Lake—Frank & Renee Sample

RAISE THE PADDLE
$15,000 raised directly for classroom cleanup!
Thank you to all whom raised the paddle!

Financial Report for February 23, 2020
Fiscal Year 07/01/19 – 06/30/20

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Projected Operating Budget (incl. Debt Pymt) $20,297.12…..$669,804.96
Variance Prior to Debt Reduction Funds….$(5,082.66)…..$(95,258.45)
Debt Reduction Envelopes…………………….$1,570.00
Debt Reduction ACH +Online Giving……….$680.63
Qualified Charitable Contributions-Debt…..$35,257.05
Variance after Debt Reduction Income …..$(2,832.03)…..$(60,001.40)

Principal Balance July 1, 2019…..…..…..…..…..…..$3,137,309.60
Mortgage Payment Requirement incl. interest…..…..…..…..…..$160,000.00
Mortgage Principal Paid ……..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..$56,238.04
Mortgage Interest Paid ……..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..$103,761.96
Mortgage Balance 01/30/20…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..…..$3,081,071.56

Thanks to Dan & Jen Cooke,
Fall of 2020 will bring us a NEW Michigan Fan!
Fr. Dan will be wearing the maize and blue!
Stay tuned this Fall.

We extend a warm WELCOME to new families & visitors!
Parish Registration & Online Giving is available at www.stmarypinckney.org

Our bulletin submission deadline: Tuesday noon info@stmarypinckney.org
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