

# St. Mary Parish Pinckney

## Ministry Guide

2019-2020

“God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”

1 Peter 4:10



SEEK ● BELONG ● GROW ● SERVE



Dear Parishioner,

Welcome home to St. Mary Parish! This Ministry Guide is to create awareness of the available ministries and programs and to help you on your faith journey. Read on for your “next step,” in growing your faith life. There are numerous possibilities to grow in different areas of your faith.

**Discipleship is an invitation to:**

***Seek*** a relationship with the Holy Trinity through prayer and conversion; Participate through the Divine Mercy Cenacle.

***Belong*** to the Body of Christ by participating in the community; Become a Mass Greeter.

***Grow*** in the Catholic faith through catechesis; Work Service Saturdays.

***Serve*** the mission of the Church. Donate to the Food Bank.

Start your discipleship journey through one of these pillars, ***Seek, Belong, Grow and Serve*** that support our Parish. With strong pillars, the support of you, our parish continues to strengthen our relationship with God.

This is an invitation to take your next step in your journey to become a disciple of Christ. *The place to start is your choice. Join us today!*

May your year be filled with many blessings and may all your connections to St. Mary be fruitful and faith-inspiring.

*Parish Staff, St. Mary Parish Pinckney*



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## Mission Statement

As disciples of Christ, we the people of St. Mary's in Pinckney, desire to model ourselves after Mary, the Mother of God, by opening our hearts wide to Jesus Christ the Redeemer of the world. We dedicate ourselves to faithfully following the Vicar of Christ on earth, through the shepherd of the diocese. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to spreading the teachings of Christ by: evangelizing the youth of our parish, providing a sound Catholic education to all, and reaching out with fellow Christians to the greater community in charitable and loving service. Our goal as a parish family is to strengthen our life together by focusing on prayers and the sacramental life of the Roman Catholic Church.

### *Called To Be Disciples*

Disciples are those who seek a relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit through prayer and conversion; belong to the Body of Christ by participation in the community; grow in the knowledge of what they believe through catechesis, and serve the mission of the Church.



# ALPHA

We all have questions we want answered. Alpha provides an opportunity for those questions to be answered. Alpha is a series seeking to answer the deepest questions core to our identity through meal-sharing, prepared talks and open conversation. It's about discovering, discussing, and finding a place to belong with friends, both new and old. Everyone is welcome. No question is too simple, no answer prepared.

**For more information about Alpha, including answers to questions frequently asked by St. Mary parishioners, go to <https://stmarypinckney.org/adult-faith-formation/alpha/>**

## Befriender Ministry

Befriender Ministry educates, forms, and supports women and men as leaders for a listening ministry of care. Based on a model of mutuality, this national and ecumenical ministry heals hearts, energizes communities, and transforms a suffering world. We meet one-on-one with those members of our parish who are hurting for one reason or another. This is compassionate listening, not counseling or advice giving. Candidates for Befriender Ministry take 20 hours of training. Once trained, they meet approximately one hour per week with those they befriend. They also attend bi-weekly meetings for ministry reflection and continuing education.

**For more information, email [Befriender@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:Befriender@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

# Bible Study

A variety of Bible Studies are offered through the year at St. Mary's. Studies include scripture, encounter opportunities for adults, studies relating to the liturgical calendar, and studies deepening one's relationship with God through education about prayer and the sacraments.

**For more information, email [BibleStudy@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:BibleStudy@stmarypinckney.org) or call the Parish Office at (734) 878-3161.**

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

During Sunday 11:30a.m. Mass, children 3-years-old through 1st grade Holy Communion age are dismissed with instructors to read and discuss God's Word and then return to the congregation at the presentation of the gifts. Leadership or assistant roles are available. All teaching materials (activities, readings, crafts pertinent to the Gospel and liturgical season) are provided. This is open to adults and teens as volunteers

**For more information, email [info@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:info@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**



# Christian Service Ministry

The mission of Christian Service is to meet the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of those broken and hurting in any way. Activities include collecting and distributing food, providing transportation for the homebound, bringing the Holy Eucharist to nursing home, *the home-*



*bound, and hospital, prayer ministry, parish gardens, casserole crew, food pantry, Love INC., Christmas giving tree, and more.*

**For more information, email [ChristianService@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:ChristianService@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

## Divine Mercy Cenacles Ministry

Prayer Cenacle Ministry increases the number of small prayer cenacles at St. Mary Parish and the spiritual fruit of such cenacles as expressed in the Catholic Catechism. The ministry adheres to the particular mission statement for the Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy by proclaiming the truth of the Real Presences of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist, promoting adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and offering the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the dying. The cenacle meets on Fridays at 9:30am in the chapel.

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# Email Prayer Chain

Prayer requests are collected in a basket outside of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and then published in a monthly prayer bulletin. The bulletin is available in the parish office and placed outside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Prayer requests are also sent to “prayer warriors” by emails, who pray for the intentions listed. To be added to the Email Prayer Chain, send an email below to receive prayer requests.

Send prayer requests to [prayerrequest@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:prayerrequest@stmarypinckney.org)

## Online Giving

The call to tithe — to give a tenth of our blessings back to the Lord — is a practice that begins with Abraham in the Book of Genesis and even before him in the offering of Abel the Just. The act of giving a portion of one's earnings to the Lord is a form of worship. For all that we have received, we are also called to respond in gratitude.

Looking for ways to simplify your busy schedule? Sign-up today through ParishSOFT Online Giving. It's a secure and easy way to tithe and make other contributions.

⇒ Go to: <https://stmarypinckney.org/online-giving/>

-Or-

Giving at your fingertips!

⇒ Text (734) 442-2077

⇒ Enter donation amount and click send.

Have credit card or bank information available and follow instructions in the text message.

**For more information or questions call the Parish Office at (734) 878-3161**



# Eucharistic Adoration

St Mary Parish has a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel available to all parishioners, as well as their friends and relatives. All are welcome to come and dwell in the Presence of the Lord before the Tabernacle in this Chapel anytime of the day or night. Thanks to many committed adorers in our parish, Monday through Friday, during the day, we offer Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance from 9AM until 9PM, as well as extended hours Monday night and Tuesday morning, making a total of 72 hours of exposition every week. We are always open to increasing the number of exposition hours and so we welcome new members all the time.

To see current Exposition Hours still in need of committed adorers please go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ADA828A3FB6-adorers>

The Chapel is located in the back of the Main Church and can be reached by driving all the way around the church and school buildings until you get to the very last parking lot past the gym. You will find the Chapel on the right upon entering the building.

**To obtain more information, including Chapel updates, please email: [Adoration@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:Adoration@stmarypinckney.org) or call or text Donnamarie at (517)861-1933.**



# Homebound Ministry

Our purpose is to visit the homebound and nursing home residents to bring them communion. Ministers of the Eucharist are trained before beginning ministry.

**For more information, email [info@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:info@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

# Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are a fraternal Catholic Family Service organization, dedicated to the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Our programs allow families to work together to aid their church, their community and one another. We have fun doing good deeds and raising money to give away to needy causes.

**See the Knights of Columbus website for more information <http://www.pinckneyknights.org/>**

# Liturgical Lay Ministry

Do you feel called to serve at the weekend Masses as a Lay Minister? We have opportunities to serve as Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Mass Captains, and Eucharistic Ministers.

**For more information, email [info@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:info@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

# Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative

Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative is a Non-Profit Charitable Organization designed to raise funds for saving babies by providing Ultrasound machines for Pro-Life Pregnancy Crisis Centers throughout the State of Michigan.

**LCUI meets every 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Learn more here <http://www.lcultrasound.org>.**

## Mary's Helping Hands

Mary's Helping Hands (MHH) is a ministry providing families with individuals with special needs opportunities to form friendships, play games, and enjoy a friendly, safe time together. Parents also meet with other parents who understand this special life. The ministry offers Peer-to-Peer support opportunities and coordinates with Religious Education to ensure equity in formation. Training is provided for interested members.

**For more information, email [MHH@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:MHH@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

# Men's Club

The Men's Club promotes stewardship, help for the needy, and provides help for other organizations in the parish. Activities include Men's Club Breakfast, Fish Fry, Christmas Baskets, and other service opportunities.

**For more information, email [MensClub@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:MensClub@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

# Music Ministry

St. Mary music ministry seeks musicians to share the gifts that God has blessed them with. It is our goal, as music ministers, to enhance the sanctity and reverence within the liturgy with beautiful and uplifting music.

The focus of the liturgical music is not to perform, but to inspire worship, participation, and devout meditation, among the congregation. The music should always aspire point to God. It is our goal to help open people's hearts through the gift of music.

Liturgies & Rehearsal Times:

Saturday 5:00 Mass – Rehearsal time 4:00pm

Sunday 9:00am Mass – Rehearsal time 8:00am

Sunday 11:30 – Rehearsal Time 10:30

**If you are interested in joining, please contact the director of music ministry at [KRea@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:KRea@stmarypinckney.org) or (734) 878-3161. From there we will schedule an appointment to have an assessment/audition.**



# Respect Life Ministry

The mission of the Respect Life Ministry is to educate, promote, and witness the Catholic Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life within the parish and the surrounding community. Ongoing activities throughout the year include:

- Praying the Rosary outside Planned Parenthood
- Life Chain (First Sunday of October)
- March for Life Washington DC
- Coordinate Support for Pregnancy Helpline
- Keeping the parish up to date on local and national pro-life activities and legislative issues
- Supporting and promoting Post Abortion Healing through Project Rachel or Rachel's Vineyards

**For more information, email [info@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:info@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

## Rosary Altar Society

Rosary Altar Society are parish women who promote devotion to the Blessed Mother and praying the Rosary. We take great pride in assisting the Priest in common goals and attending to the needs of the sanctuary. We focus on performing deeds of a spiritual and social nature for the members of our parish and community.

We are committed to serving the needs of our parish and community by visiting the sick, preparing funeral luncheons when requested, and working in conjunction with other organizations within our parish. RAS works to promote dedication to the Blessed Mother and to love and care for our church.

**For more information, please email [RAS@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:RAS@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

## St. Joseph Guild

The St. Joseph's Guild is a ministry of men and women dedicated to applying their time and talents for the betterment of the Parish. We believe everyone has unique skills and abilities, however great or small, which can be used to keep the properties of the parish in good repair to provide a safe and inviting environment for all parish activities.

Managing a parish facility is very similar to managing any other type of building or campus. The only difference being a parish needs to rely on volunteer labor to identify needs, schedule maintenance, and get the job done. The St. Joseph Guild provides St. Mary parishioners with opportunities to give back to the ministry and allows the church to maintain its campus with a limited church budget.

**For more information, email [info@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:info@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

# Social Team

What would parish life be like without fun? St. Mary Pinckney is an active, vibrant community that encourages fellowship. The Social Team's mission is to plan events that bring togetherness and engages our parishioners, school families and the community! Activities by our newly formed team include camping at Bishop Lake and an outdoor movie night. Do you have an exciting idea on how to grow the Social Team? We need you and your creative ideas to get them off the ground!

**For more information, please email [SocialTeam@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:SocialTeam@stmarypinckney.org) or call the Parish Office at (734) 878-3161 for more information.**

## St. Mary Rosary Makers

We make rosaries for First Holy Communion, the missions, new families to the parish and special rosaries for the men and women in our armed services. We have made rosaries for RCIA, and we give rosaries to the area funeral homes. Please see the parish calendar for times to make rosaries, pick up supplies, and turn in the finished rosaries for distribution. We also make rosaries at home.

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# That Man is You (TMIY)

That Man is You! Is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership on the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society.

That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

**For more information, email [info@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:info@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**



# St. Mary Catholic School

It is the mission of St. Mary Catholic School to be a partner with parents in the spiritual and academic education of their children. This Catholic Education is rooted in the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ and takes place in a positive atmosphere where students are encouraged to reach their full potential, both in living out their Catholic faith and pursuing academic excellence.

For almost 30 years, St. Mary Catholic School has provided an exemplary program for students from pre-K through 8th grades. Graduates leave St. Mary with a strong foundation of knowledge, faith, confidence, and compassion.

Small classrooms average 15 student providing individual attention. The academic program at St. Mary incorporates higher levels of thinking and a stimulating curriculum fostering a lifelong love of learning.

St. Mary Catholic School is a unified, faith-filled community working together to support one another. St. Mary education provides the foundation for high school, life, and beyond deeply rooted in faith and values.

**Contact Mrs. Veronica Kinsey, Principal, (734) 878-5616 or email: [mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org)**

School Hours: 8:00am - 3:35pm  
Office Hours: 7:30am - 3:50pm  
[www.stmaryschool.org/school](http://www.stmaryschool.org/school)



## St. Mary School Alumni

Are you an alum of St. Mary School? If so, we are interested in reconnecting with you! If you are an alumnus who would like to receive updated information on current school events, visit our website [www.stmarypinckney.org](http://www.stmarypinckney.org) under School tab and click on Alumni. Please update your information to keep in touch.

# Welcome Team

Volunteers provide individual contact and follow-up for new parish members by initial phone calls, meetings at Mass and other parish gatherings, being available for ongoing support, and assisting with the transition into parish life at St. Mary.

**For more information, please contact the Parish Office at (734) 878-3161 or email at [info@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:info@stmarypinckney.org)**

## Women of Grace

We desire to model our lives after our Holy Mother, Mary and come together in love, support and encouragement of each other to grow deeper in our faith and find practical ways to apply what we learn in order to live our lives proclaiming the Kingdom of God through our words and our actions.

Join us as we continue to learn more about women in the bible and how each of their life stories help us to become better disciples of Christ. All women are invited to attend. We meet weekly on Wednesdays from 7-8:30PM. **For more information on any of these ministries, please email [info@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:info@stmarypinckney.org) or contact Connie Knieper @ (734) 954-0094.**

# Worship Team

The Worship Team promotes the worship experience of the people of St. Mary by fostering a greater love of the Eucharist and Mary through education, communication, devotions, and Liturgy.

Activities of the team include: training lay ministers, planning communal prayers and devotions (i.e. Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy) decorating the worship and gathering spaces, and planning the liturgical feasts and seasons.

**For more information, email [info@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:info@stmarypinckney.org) or contact the parish office at (734) 878-3161.**

# Young Adult Ministry

Social, spiritual and service opportunities that allow the young adult church to dive deeper and engage more fully in the life and mission of Christ both at St. Mary and throughout Livingston County.

**For more information on any of these ministries, please email [YoungAdult@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:YoungAdult@stmarypinckney.org).**



# Youth Group

Join us in the Cenacle for fellowship and fun times! Our mission is to cultivate authentic community rooted in the love of Christ and to help our youth discover the tools and confidence to navigate life's many adventures with the guidance and wisdom of the Catholic Faith. All middle and high school students are welcome.

Middle School youth group: Wednesdays 6-8 pm

High School youth group: Tuesdays 7-9 pm

**For more information, contact Dani Hope Negri at [dnegri@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:dnegri@stmarypinckney.org) or (734) 878-3161.**



## Ways to stay connected

- Parish Website: [www.StMaryPinckney.org](http://www.StMaryPinckney.org)
- Weekly Parish Bulletin
- Like us on Facebook.com **St. Mary Catholic Church**





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