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Dear St. Mary parishioners,

As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and Mary on the day of Pentecost, what are some practical ways we can better yield to the Holy Spirit in our daily lives? First of all, confessing sins and being reconciled to God in the Sacrament of Penance removes our resistance and obstacles to the move of the Spirit in our daily walk. Guilt and hesitancies are eliminated so we can unashamedly speak out in conviction and act courageously in faith.

What is flowing into my mind and heart? What kind of materials am I watching, reading or listening to? Rather than filling up with cynical, sexually evocative humor or negative discouraging social/political commentary that depresses and closes us, better to bathe oneself in Catholic hymns, chants and upbuilding talks/witnesses.

Especially while walking, jogging or traveling by car, listen to inspiring CD’s, or Catholic material on your MP3 player. When reading/relaxing at home, put on similar worshipful, upbuilding music or chants that lift our spirits.

Of course, reading and meditating upon Sacred Scripture, especially the Psalms a create a channel for the Holy Spirit to move in our hearts and minds, transforming our perspective and reorienting our priorities. I love to read the opening stories in the Book of Genesis or the adventures of King David. These are people of faith who meet obstacles and face enemies, and by trusting in the Lord, yielding to the Spirit, a believer can prevail and even triumph.

Catholic spiritual writers from any ages can inform us about the life of the Spirit. I encourage all of you to consider the upcoming Prayer/Study Group starting on Wednesday, June 6th where we will be going through a summary of the best Catholic spiritual authors, The Fulfillment of All Desire by Dr. Ralph Martin. Here at St. Mary we want to "Feed the Sheep" allowing the faithful to grow in the Holy Spirit and continue the Pentecost story in our city and age. Make the most of your travel and leisure time this summer by taking in Catholic teaching and music.

With best wishes for a upbuilding spring,
Fr. Peter J. Clark
Pentecost Sunday

Sing & Dance in McCormick Park
St. Mary Church is sponsoring more free music gatherings on the Friday summer evenings:

Friday July 13th 7:00-8:30 PM
Friday, August 17th 7:00-8:30 PM

“Fr. Clark & Friends” band will lead singing and play for family & contra dancing. A Professional Caller will provide instruction and lead the group dancing. Be ready to sing along and get out on the pavilion dance floor in McCormick Park. Bring your lawn chair. Last year’s events were a big success! If it rains we dance in the Parish Activity Center.

FOOD BANK NEXT WEEKEND
Please remember the Weberville & Williamston Food Banks on June 2nd & 3rd. Any canned or boxed goods & paper products are welcome. Staples such as peanut butter, tuna, cereal, pasta, etc. are always needed. With summer vacation coming soon & children home from school, lunch items such as mac & cheese, canned stews, soups, spaghetti, etc. may be especially welcome. All donations are shared between the two food banks. Cash donations are always welcome and can be placed in an envelope marked (food bank) and placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your continued support.
School Roof Update - Good Progress!
Generous parishioners have contributed $51,823.78 since our appeal began in December 2011. Praise the Lord! We are now $3,376.22 from our goal of $55,200. Thank you for seeking the Lord and setting priorities to see that our parish facilities are well maintained. Further contributions will be coming in from memorial gifts, and parishioners "catching-up" with their commitments.

Spartan Roof Co. was called back in late January to fix a problem leak at the corner of the school vestibule and the main hall. There have been no more drips since their visit. Praise God. With a successful appeal and good weather, the definitive replacement of the roof over the original part of St. Mary School will take place over the summer when the children are on vacation. - Fr. Clark

Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS)
Support Vocations & Catholic Military Chaplains Next Weekend
Currently, 285 Catholic military chaplains provide pastoral care to over 1.5 million Catholics, on ships, in combat, on bases and in 153 VA hospitals. Next week's 2nd collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) will fund their Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which identifies vocations within the military and is now educating 30 men for the priesthood and subsequent military chaplaincy. The AMS has no parishes from which to draw financial support and relies solely on donations. See their website for more information: http://www.milarch.org/faq

MILITARY ROSARY
A parishioner of St. Mary has volunteered to make military corded rosaries for active duty military or recently discharged military. A sample rosary is in the military prayer board case. For details, contact Mary Bingen at 655-6341 or marybingen@yahoo.com

Graduation Mass and Brunch - June 3rd
St. Mary Parish invites High School graduates and their families to 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, June 3, 2012. This is Holy Trinity Sunday! A free brunch sponsored by the Knights of Columbus will follow in the Activity Center. Brunch reservations are required in order to plan the number of meals to be prepared. Please phone or email the following information the Adam Janke or Angela Mattoon at 655-2520 or ajanke@stmarywilliamston.com.

Your name and number of family members attending. Your senior photograph for a bulletin board. A paragraph describing your future plans.

God bless all your end-of-year preparations. -Fr. Clark

Knights of Columbus 11th Annual Charity Golf Outing
This year’s outing is on Saturday, August 18, at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course and is in memory of Mike Pitlanish. Registration begins at 7:00 AM, with an 8:00 AM shotgun start. It features coffee & donuts, 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, skins game, men's & women's prize holes, raffle prizes, and buffet dinner (steak or chicken). All of this for just $75/person, or $300/team. Hole sponsorships are available for $100 per hole. Contact Bill Pulling 517-655-1071 or Lynn Pitlanish at 517-490-3242 for additional information.

"Senior Parishioners:  The Lansing Area Catholic Council on Aging is sponsoring the Thirty-second Annual Senior Parishioners Picnic on Thursday June 14, 2012. The Mass will be at 11:00 AM at the recently remodeled St. James Parish in Mason. The indoor picnic lunch will follow, with a Fiji presentation by the pastor, Father Kusi. The cost is $8.00 payable to your parish representative. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday June 6, 2012. Please make reservations with (Margaret Thornton 655-1696). Do plan to attend. You’ll be glad you did!"
You Are Invited to  
A New St. Mary Prayer Group!

Inspired by a talk by Deacon Hilker, the members of the RCIA group have decided to continue on their journey together in prayer. “Fortified by so many and such powerful means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father Himself is perfect.” (Second Vatican Council) We invite you to join as one of the founding members of a new group who will discover what they can do to fulfill the call of the Second Vatican Council to be a holy people. This Summer beginning on Wednesday, June 6th we will be studying Ralph Martin’s book *The Fulfillment of All Desire* with the accompanying study text. There is no cost other than obtaining the book. The group will be lead by Adam Janke with the assistance of a team. For more information contact Adam at 655-2520 ext. 8.

Starting Wednesday, June 6, 2012  
Room 102 at the School  
7:00-8:30 PM

The Compendium of the Catechism on Pentecost:

144. What happened at Pentecost? Fifty days after the Resurrection at Pentecost the glorified Jesus Christ poured out the Spirit in abundance and revealed him as a divine Person so that the Holy Trinity was fully manifest. The mission of Christ and of the Spirit became the mission of the Church which is sent to proclaim and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity.  

“We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.” (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion of Vespers of Pentecost)

145. What does the Spirit do in the Church? The Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. As the Spirit of Love, he restores to the baptized the divine likeness that was lost through sin and causes them to live in Christ the very life of the Holy Trinity. He sends them forth to bear witness to the Truth of Christ and he organizes them in their respective functions so that all might bear “the fruit of the Spirit” (Galatians 5:22).

146. How do Christ and his Spirit act in the hearts of the faithful? Christ communicates his Spirit and the grace of God through the sacraments to all the members of the Church, who thus bear the fruits of the new life of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also the Master of prayer.

Update on the 2012-2013 Parish Budget  
The Parish Finance Council provides advice and recommendations to the pastor in order to guide the allocation process of our monetary resources to our parish needs (parish ministries, liturgies, salaries, education, utilities and basic improvements). Our meeting on May 16th went late but we were unable to finalize the parish budget for 2012-13. We are examining both further cuts and other sources of income to balance the budget beginning July 1, 2012.

The current level of tithing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 is short $10,556.47 of budget expectations. I especially encourage parishioners who have been away from Mass or less involved in the parish than they planned to get caught up on their intended giving.

The Finance Council met again on May 24, 2012. Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment in this budgetary process. The Parish Pastoral Council will vote on the completed budget either later this month or early June. Thank you for your support of the parish. - Fr. Peter Clark

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Stand with Bishop Boyea For Religious Freedom  
On Friday, June 8, 2012 thousands of faithful citizens will gather at noon in prayer and public witness in 119 cities all across the U.S. to oppose the HHS Mandate and stand up for religious freedom. Please join them by attending the noon Rally at the State Capitol Building in Lansing where Bishop Earl Boyea will be a key note speaker, or by attending a noon rally in Ann Arbor, Flint or Howell, and let your voice be heard in saying NO to the Department of Health and Human Services Mandate which forces employers—including religious charities—to provide free contraceptives and abortion-inducing drugs in their health plans. For more info go to www.standupforreligiousfreedom.com.

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues (DVD)  
Join Father Robert Barron for this engaging presentation concerning the Seven Deadly Sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another. Based on Dante’s writings, the seven deadly sins correspond to the seven stories of Dante’s Mt. Purgatory. Pride, envy, angry, sloth, gluttony, avarice and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness.

But that's not all! Father Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the Seven Lively Virtues. The Seven Lively Virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness.

This Adult Education series will be offered on Saturdays 7:30 AM in St. Joseph Hall beginning June 2nd. Fr. Peter Clark or one of the men of the parish will lead the discussions after each video. Free admission. Coffee and donuts are usually available.

The All Michigan Catholic Charismatic Conference  
Mark your calendars. The Diocese of Lansing is hosting this year’s All Michigan Catholic Charismatic Conference on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, July 27, 28, 29, 2012 at:

Holy Redeemer Church  
1227 East Bristol Road  
Burton, Michigan 48529

Check the details at: <www.allmichigancatholiccharismaticconference.org>
**School News**

St. Mary School would like to thank Mrs. Jeanne Eddington Shipman and her senior Literature students from Williamston High School for visiting our school on May 21st to share several entertaining skits based on the high school students literature assignments. The children truly enjoyed the experience!

On behalf of Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Fulcher, and Mr. Ivey, I would like to congratulate the students who participated in the Second Annual Science Fair on May 22, 2012. The students did an excellent job of postulating hypotheses, testing them, and drawing conclusions. We are very proud of our St. Mary students.

Next up is our St. Mary Talent Show which will take place on Thursday, May 31st at 2:00 PM in the Activity Center. The students will be performing singing, dancing, magic tricks, instrumental music, and demonstrating various physical skills. Please make plans to join us if you can for this entertaining event!

The school year is rapidly coming to an end. Fifth grade graduation Mass is Wednesday, June 6, at 9:00 AM. There will be a cake and punch reception for the graduates and their families immediately following Mass in St. Mary Activity Center. Fun Day is the last day of school, June 7, 2012.

God bless you throughout this Easter time.

Sue Penn, Principal

*We Learn to Love; We Love to Learn*

St. Mary School shares with the Church in the mission of Jesus Christ. In a faith-filled academic environment, children grow in their relationship with God, the Catholic Church, and the community.

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**2012-13 St. Mary School Registration**

Registration is currently taking place at St. Mary School. We have openings in Preschool through the fifth grade. Now is the perfect time to consider St. Mary School for your child. At St. Mary, students enjoy small class sizes and a loving, faith-filled environment. Parents can enjoy the convenience of before and after school childcare. Transportation in the Williamston community is available. Call the school office and schedule a tour at 655-4038. Don’t delay; become a member of the St. Mary School family today.

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**Statement of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Catholic Conference, 05/21/12:**

On February 15, 2012, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) finalized a mandate that requires all employers to provide in their health benefit plans abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization and artificial contraception, all of which are a violation of the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person. The HHS mandate includes an exemption for certain groups, but is crafted so narrowly that most religious organizations, including the Michigan Catholic Conference, do not qualify.

The mandate and its exemption run contrary to centuries of federal laws that have consistently honored and respected the conscience rights of religious institutions and individuals. The exemption, which includes a four-part test developed by HHS, allows for a government entity to define who is and who is not “religious.” By defining who is and who is not religious enough to qualify for an exemption to the mandate, HHS has conferred powers on government forbidden by the U.S. Constitution.

In order to defend its First Amendment right to religious freedom, and to prevent the government from excessively entangling itself into the internal life of religious practice, Michigan Catholic Conference on Monday, May 21, 2012 filed a lawsuit against the federal government over the HHS mandate. The various federal agencies responsible for formulating and enforcing the nationwide mandate are named as defendants in the complaint. Additional information related to this matter, including audio and video materials, may be found at www.micatholicconference.org

While some incorrectly hold that “separation of Church and State” refers to keeping the Church out of the public square, the Founding Fathers actually sought to guarantee that the state must remain separate from the internal affairs of the Church—an ideal that today is threatened by the HHS mandate. Michigan Catholic Conference will not compromise or acquiesce to an unjust government mandate that places our nation’s first, most cherished freedom, in grave peril. As President Thomas Jefferson stated in 1809: “No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to men than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprise of the civil authority.”

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**THANK YOU**

A big thank you goes out to Williamston Floral, 1448 Grand River, Williamston as they have generously donated the flowers that we have used throughout the year in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium at no cost to the parish. The next time you need flowers, please consider offering them your business.

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**Youth Conferences** - All summer youth conferences are sold out; however students can join a waiting list.

**Vacation Bible School** – It is time to sign up for the VBS leadership team. We need a director, co-director, faith leader, games leader, food leader, craft leader, and music leader. The team will meet once a month until summer when they meet more often. If you would like to join the team, please contact Adam Janke at 655-2520.