Mission Statement: We partner with parents providing a Catholic school rooted in the gospel teachings of Jesus Christ, modeled by Mary our mother, encouraging a virtuous life following the Catholic faith and pursuing academic excellence.

MARIAN MESSENGER

August 24, 2018

Week –At – A - Glance

| Monday, September 3, 2018 | ❖ NO SCHOOL; LABOR DAY  
❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 8 |
| Tuesday, September 4, 2018 | ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8  
❖ **6:30 Parent Back to School Night** |
| Wednesday, September 5, 2018 | ❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 6  
❖ 7:00 Finance Meeting |
| Thursday, September 6, 2018 | ❖ First day of Spanish classes |
| Friday, September 7, 2018 | ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8  
❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8  
❖ First Friday Food Drive  
❖ Popcorn Day $.50/bag  
❖ **ALL FORMS DUE** |
| Sunday, September 9, 2018 | ❖ 4:00 LEGO Robotics |

**Grades 6-8 Lunch 11:30-12:00**

**Grades K-5 Lunch 12:05-12:45**
Please provide your students with everything they need to eat their lunch; plate, eating utensil, napkin, drink, condiments

Principal Notes

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Our parent back to school night will take place on Tuesday, September 4th at 6:30. This night is highly recommended to all parents. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher and obtain great information about grade expectations.

OFFICE FORMS: There are three forms on PowerSchool that you need to complete: Emergency Contact, Photo Release, and Medical Treatment Release. When you go into PowerSchool look to the left side and fine ECOLLECT FORMS. Once each form is completed click submit after each form. Then check the right side to see when each form was last updated so that you know for sure that they are complete. There were also forms that were sent home in a large envelope on the first day of school. One was the yearly concussion form. This form absolutely needs to be returned on or before Friday, September 7, 2018 for ALL students.

PowerSchool: Please log into your PowerSchool account the first week of school to be sure there are no issues. If you experience any, please contact the school office asap so we can correct them.

All parents/grandparents who volunteer in our school will need to participate in a Virtus Refresher course. This course will be offered at the back to school night and will begin promptly at 6:30. The refresher class is 30 minutes. If you absolutely cannot make the 6:30 time, please contact Mrs. Kinsey. We can arrange for viewings after drop or before pick up; dates to be determined. (If you have not taken the original Virtus class, then you must to take that three-hour course Live or on-line!)

Virtus Protecting God’s Children Live This three hour course is for first time adults who will be volunteering at a Catholic School or Parish with children. Mrs. Kinsey will be teaching this class on Wednesday, September 19 from 12:30-3:30. Mrs. Mable will be teaching a live class on Wednesday, September 26 from 6:00-9:00. If you are interested in enrolling in this class, please visit virtus.org to register. While it is encouraged to take this class live, you may also take it on-line. When you register, please pick Diocese of Lansing and the on-line course.
**Made for Happiness:** All families are highly encouraged to participate in some way with this Diocesan wide event. **September 22** is the magic date. Tailgating with family and friends is encouraged or you can purchase items just like at a basketball or football game. (Tailgating would be more fun and cost saving for sure!)

Please register at [www.madeforhappiness.org](http://www.madeforhappiness.org)

Need more information go to [https://madeforhappiness.org/assembly-gathering.html](https://madeforhappiness.org/assembly-gathering.html)

The first week of school is in the books and we are off to a great start. Enjoy the long weekend and I will see you all Tuesday at 6:30.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**COMING SOON!**
FYI:

Virtue of the Week

**KINDNESS** meaning: Expressing genuine concern about the well-being of others; anticipating their needs

**LOOKS LIKE:** Carrying bags for someone, Talking to someone who seems sad, Giving a glass of water to someone who is thirsty, Sharing your jacket with someone who is cold, Helping someone clean up a spill

**SOUNDS LIKE:** Do you need any help? You seem upset, is there anything I can do for you? I can get you some water. “I have an extra coat you can borrow.” I can clean that up for you.

*LUKE 4:38–39*

And he arose and left the synagogue, and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they besought him for her. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her; and immediately she rose and served them.

Conversations about school:

“Let’s see what you brought home.” Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well she’s doing. You could comment on her math work or social studies project, for instance. (“You know a lot about our state’s history!”) Also, respond to notes from the teacher, and sign her weekly folder or daily planner if required.

“Show me what you have for homework.”

**ST. MARY SWAG:** It’s time for some Wildcat pride!! Announcing the launch of our very own spirit wear shop, St Mary Swag. We will be starting our shop with T-shirt’s for the whole family and will unveil these at our back to school night on Tuesday Sept 4th. Orders will be taken from September 4th to September 18th. Prices will range from $12-$22 depending on style and design choices. Cash or check made payable to St Mary. Be sure to stop by our table in the gathering space on Tuesday. We will have samples to view and order forms ready for you. We are excited to reveal our lastest designs. GO WILDCATS!!

**Chess Scholars:** Develop your child’s intellect through the fun game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts.
Also, chess has been proven to enhance motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity. No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both new and returning participants are welcome and will get to the next level under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. There will also be a chess competition with prizes towards the end of the session! Each child will receive a participation medal and a chess keychain.

Course Time: Thursdays, October 4th - December 6th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

No class: 11/1, 11/22 (8 Classes)

To sign up for Chess Scholars, please visit https://www.chessscholars.com/signup. You will need to enter the class code MPM10.4.18 in order to register. Please register by 9/20 for the early bird price of $100.00. If you have difficulty registering, please contact Chess Scholars at 847-482-9999 or info@chessscholars.com. See Flyer for more information.

Kroger News: Dear ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (RC113),
The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

We have recently upgraded our Community Rewards system, and as a result, your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. (RC113) Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. We recommend communicating this new number to your members, and updating any marketing materials with this change. While the previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling. New members can enroll by searching for either the new number or the name of your organization.

If you have any questions, please email kcr18@kroger.com or visit our website at http://www.kroger.com.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff.
If you would like your child to have an opportunity to grow musically, sign them up for St. Mary Children’s Choir.

We are looking for students from 3rd-8th grade to join us. Every student who would like to participate must first, have a vocal assessment and be approved for acceptance by the director. The reason for this is to assess musical skill, vocal health, the ability to follow instructions, and mature behavior for Mass. As Catholics we acknowledge the many and varied gifts given to each of us, not all are musically gifted and that is okay. There are also certain times when it is not good for the voice to undergo great strain as the voice is changing.

Children’s choir will rehearse, **Thursdays from 3:30-4:15**, in collaboration with the school calendar. Drop off will either be directly from St. Mary School or parents may walk them into the church. Pick up will be at the latchkey doors.

They will then sing at the Friday all school Masses. Parents will be expected to drop the children off from **8:00-8:10 for warm up on Fridays**.

**$15 printing/music purchase fee** for the semester per student (payable first or second day of class; checks should be made out to St. Mary Parish with “children’s choir” in the memo). If a family has difficulty in paying this, please let the director, Kathleen Rea, know and we will work something out.

Depending on participation, parents will need to commit to being VIRTUS second adult at one or more rehearsals throughout the semester.

The choir will be singing on Fridays, occasionally on weekends, and hopefully Christmas!

This choir is also open to homeschooled children.

**Please Sign Up.**

Please direct any questions or enquiries to.

Kathleen Rea

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Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

In the time of the Old Testament, the Chosen People had a very positive view of God's Laws. They viewed God's commands as a gift to help them live full and happy lives. Following God's law helped the people remain close to God. In this reading from the Old Testament, Israel is asked to listen and obey specific decrees given to them by God. The benefits of doing so include the blessing of life in the Promised Land.

As time went on over the centuries, more specific laws were added to the original commandments given by God. In the gospel today, Jesus is unhappy with the Pharisees for rigidly following these laws. Jesus warns them against being concerned with the outward observance of laws without paying attention to what is within one's heart. When the Pharisees criticize the disciples for not keeping the laws of the tradition, Jesus calls them hypocrites.

Jesus encourages his followers not to be concerned with following laws outwardly, but to look within their hearts, because that is where good or evil comes from.

In this gospel, we learn that it is important for our actions to reflect our beliefs. Jesus warns against observing laws only for the sake of appearance. Instead, we are encouraged to look within our hearts to see how well we love one another.

- What did you learn about following God's Law from these readings?

Principles of Morality

Living a moral life does not simply mean to observe rules and laws, or to rely only on our feelings. Catholics understand that trying to live morally entails looking within our hearts and depending on an informed conscience. Our conscience is informed by the preaching of Christ and the Church, good religious education, an understanding of scripture, spiritual guidance, and the example of other believers.
Our ability to live morally and in harmony with God increases over a lifetime. For Christians a moral life is directed by the example of Jesus. Through our friendship with Jesus, the desire to be like him increases. Our relationship with Jesus helps guide us toward a life that is directed by God’s Law.

• Make a list of the ways that you keep your conscience informed. For example, attending religious education classes, reading the bible, etc.
YOU ARE MADE FOR HAPPINESS

DIOCESE OF LANSING ASSEMBLY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

Eucharistic Procession
9:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

Inspiring Speakers
1:00 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

All Diocesan Mass
4:30 P.M.

Join thousands of Catholics from across our Diocese at St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing and the Breslin Center in East Lansing as we gather in prayer, witness and worship to celebrate the reason God made us - for happiness with Him in this life and the next!

Free Admission. Register Today!

www.madeforhappiness.org
St. Mary Parish
Men’s Club Presents
COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST
Sunday September 9, 2018
From 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds to be used for Parish Kitchen Maintenance

50/50 Raffle
1ST Prize Half the POT!
2nd Prize Gift Certificate to
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AREA’S BEST MENU!
Eggs - Scrambled or Fried
Hash Brown Potatoes
Homemade Biscuits
& Sausage Gravy
Quiche, Pancakes
French Toast
Raisin French Toast
Ham
Pork Sausage Links
Toast-Regular & Raisin
Coffee, Tea, Milk,
& Orange Juice

And of Course the
Waffle Station!

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