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

September 13, 2018

Week –At – A - Glance

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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

Hamburg Library Chili Fundraiser:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849abad22ab9-hamburg1

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with this community event. We need people to serve. Pick a shift, its easy. Have your student come dressed in their uniform to come help. He/she will learn how to work with other adults, learn leadership skills, and understand how volunteering is an important part of being a disciple of Jesus by serving others. There are 3 shifts, but honestly it usually does not go until 1:30. As soon as you run out of chili, you can pick up and go. Easy peasy!

Dress Down Day: The 7th grade class is sponsoring a dress-down day on Thursday, September 20. Any student who wishes to participate should bring in $1 and give it to their homeroom teacher. Thank you for your participation in this dress down day, as well as our other ones throughout the school year. The funds raised will help the seventh graders pay for their BaySail trip in May.

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.

Virtus Refresher: This is for all volunteers and employees who have already taken the Protecting God’s Children class. It is 30 minutes. Mrs. Kinsey will be happy to show the video to anyone at drop off in the morning at 8:15 or before pick up at 2:45. The important thing is to come and do the refresher!
**POPCORN HELP:** Thank you for all of the quick responses to this. Mrs. Carruthers will be our new popcorn Lady.

**Auction Meeting:** Please complete the poll to select what day an auction meeting would work for most people. We will need lots of hands to help between Oct and Feb. Lots of hands make light work 😊

https://beta.doodle.com/poll/cv3rxqwturwpb8y5

**Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip:** To create a healthier family, turn mealtime into family time! During mealtime, children learn about foods and their parents’ food likes/dislikes. Parents and older siblings can be great role models for forming healthy eating habits. Set a time for family meals and eat together at the table. During the meal, turn off all electronics and focus on one another’s stories from their individual days. Try to introduce one new healthy food item at least three times per week.

**Looking Ahead:** Cathy Phipps and her kitchen crew have volunteered to make lunch for the children once a month this year. Our first **lunch** will be on **Friday, September 28th**. Cost is $1.00 for a hotdog, carrots w/ ranch or hummus, bag of chips, and a cup of fruit cocktail. Please send in your money in an envelope marked with your student’s name and hotdog lunch.

**Walk-a-thon:** Paperwork was sent home to all families this week. In your envelope you will find 3 large and 3 small envelopes. We are asking that you send the small envelope with the letter, that your student signed, in the larger envelope to family or friends outside the area enlisting their support of our technology needs. Donors will send their sponsor money directly back to the school. There was also a sheet included for you to ask locally for support. As you know technology is constantly changing. Money earned from the Walk-a-thon is how we are able to stay current and up to date with technology in the classrooms. This year, we are hopeful to acquire 10 more iPads for our younger students along with a charging station. Please help in any way you can. All students will receive a t-shirt to wear. Thank you.

Thank you to all who were able to make the **Virtus Refresher** on Tuesday. For those whose schedules did not permit or you were home taking care of the home front, we will be offering the **Virtus Refresher video after drop off at 8:15-8:45 and pick up at 2:25-3:15 next week Monday, Tuesday,**
**Thursday, and Friday.** If we have a lot of people we will set up in the multi-use room if not we will just use a conference room.

**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)

Lots of things are happening here at St. Mary School. What a great place to be!

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

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**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**7th Grade**

The seventh graders are excited to be back for a new school year! We have already led the school for Morning Prayer, and on Friday September 14 we will be serving in an all-school Mass (please join us if you are able). We are also excited to have buddies in the first grade. Here is an overview of what we will be studying this year. In Religion class, we will be focusing on the life of Jesus and the New Testament, particularly the Gospels. We are starting the year by looking at our relationships with others and with Jesus. In math, we will be focusing on proportional reasoning as it applies to algebra, geometry, statistics, and other areas of mathematics. We are starting with algebraic reasoning. Science this year is life science; we will be studying living things as small as cells and as big as the environment. Following our new diocesan science standards, we are starting with a unit on life from molecules to organisms. We have already enjoyed some work with the microscopes, and we are excited that there will lots of hands-on activities this year. This year, our social studies topic is world geography; we will be learning about regions and cultures around the world. In the language arts, we will study grammar, vocabulary and
spelling. We will be writing and reading a variety of genres in our literature class. We are looking forward to a wonderful year full of learning!

**ST. MARY SWAG ORDERS**

**DUE SEPTEMBER 18 BY 9:00**

**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 was 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. Order forms are available in the office. GO WILDCATS!!

FYI:
Virtue of the Week

**INDUSTRIOUSNESS meaning:** Diligence, especially in work that leads to natural and supernatural maturity

**LOOKS LIKE:** Diligently completing a task, Diligently working on your math, Trying to stay focused on your reading, Working to complete your duties, Diligently completing your homework

**SOUNDS LIKE:** I will get this done. Let me finish this first. I will finish my math. I will go to a quiet place so that I can concentrate on what I am reading. I will finish studying for my test. I need to stay focused and finish my homework.

**COLOSSIANS 3:23–24**

*Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ.*

**Conversations about school:**

“Describe a book you enjoyed today.” This gives you an idea of what your child prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what she’d like to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skill by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

“Tell me what you learned that you’d like to know more about.” Use his interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If he likes geometry, you might hunt for shapes together. If he’s fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take him to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.

**Q: CAN A KANGAROO JUMP HIGHER THAN THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING?**

**A: OF COURSE. THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING CAN’T JUMP!**

**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](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.

**Father Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor,** is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 3rd from 6:30-8:30pm. All family members are welcome. Come see why we have been Nationally Recognized for Academic Excellence and Catholic Identity by the Catholic High School Honor Roll. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about what makes Father Gabriel Richard an exceptional place to learn and grow. Visit the school, meet the teachers, and talk with our sports coaches and student club leaders. Our National award-winning Madrigal singers will also be performing. For more information please contact Mary Vangieson, Director of Admissions, at 734-929-6988 or admissions@fgrhs.org. We hope to see you there!

**Worth Quoting:** “The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!” ~ Mark Twain

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

Isaiah 50:5-9a

Mark 8:27-35

From this point in Mark’s Gospel Jesus ends the teaching part of his mission and begins his journey toward Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, he will suffer, die, be buried, and rise from the dead. The disciples understand that Jesus is the Son of God, but they are still thinking in terms of the earthly honor that goes with the title of Messiah. Peter in particular has a hard time understanding how Jesus will become the Messiah if he is to suffer and die. Jesus explains that all people who follow him must do the same and to begin following, Peter must get behind Jesus.
Why do you think Jesus responded so harshly to Peter?
What are some sacrifices that followers of Jesus make?
What can we do to learn to be better followers of Jesus?

We believe in Jesus and want to follow him, but we can’t do this alone. We need each other. Every Sunday we make a statement of our belief when we recite the creed. In the two creeds we most often say as Catholics (the Nicene Creed and the Apostles’ Creed), we state our belief that God’s self-revelation came in the person of Jesus. While we praise God and give thanks, we also affirm and make a commitment to our faith in that belief. Our response to follow Jesus means that we put others before ourselves.

How do we live out what we believe about God?
Why is it important that all believers work together to witness the Good News?
How have you seen others show their love for God through their actions?

Two baptized people celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony when they are united in marriage. Together they become a sign of Christ’s love for the Church and they form a new family, sometimes called the domestic Church. In their new family, the couple and other family members often practice discipleship when they put other people’s needs before their own.
St. Mary Preschool is looking for tricycle donations for our playground. Now that the basketball hoops have been moved to the new playground, we have plenty of space to ride bikes! If you, or anyone you know, has a tricycle appropriate for a preschool-age child, we would love to add it to our collection!

*Please, no bikes with training wheels, or any vehicles that have to by pushed by foot as these are too small for the preschoolers. We are looking for small pedal tricycles.

Thank you!
St. Mary Preschool
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 October 7, 2018
From 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds to be used for New Parish Sign

50/50 Raffle
1ST Prize Half the POT!
2nd Prize Gift Certificate to PINCKNEY AUTO WASH

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!

St Mary Catholic Parish · 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd
Come One, Come All!

The St. Mary Pinckney Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for a . . .

FALL HAYRIDE

Saturday, September 29, 6-10pm
Family, Fun & Fellowship on the Parish Grounds

🌟 Wagon Rides  🌟 Hot Dogs  🌟 Caramel Apples
🌟 Bonfire  🌟 Bobbing for Apples  🌟 Music  🌟 Games
🌟 Plan to bring a dish to pass —
  Last names: A thru G bring a salad,
  H thru R a snack, S thru Z a dessert
🌟 Open to all parishioners and their families

This community activity sponsored by the
St. Mary Pinckney
Knights of Columbus
Council # 11761

K N I G H T S
O F  C O L U M B U S
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 1st 2018 -- from 10am till 4pm

Location is at St. Mary Church, 10601 Dexter Pinckney Road, Pinckney, Michigan

FREE ADMISSION

BAKE SALE, RAFFLE, 50/50, LUNCH and REFRESHMENTS available.

Looking for Crafters and Vendors that would like to be part of this day. The cost for an 8 foot table space is $45.00

For information call. Mary at 734-878-6563
CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Starting Sept 20th, 3:30- 4:15! Sign up!

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 in the church promptly at 4:15 or at the latchkey doors if you are late.

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.

Please Sign Up.

Please direct any questions or enquiries to.

Kathleen Rea

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