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 20, 2018

Week –At – A - Glance

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| Friday, September 14, 2018| ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8  
                            | ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7                                       |
| Saturday, September 22, 2018| ❖ Made for Happiness Assembly in Lansing                           |
| Monday, September 24, 2018 | ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 4  
                              | ❖ NWEA Testing  
                              | ❖ 3:30 K-3 Super Builders Robotics Meeting  
                              | ❖ 5:30 4-5 Wildbots Robotics Meeting        |
| Tuesday, September 25, 2018| ❖ **Spirit Wear Day**  
                            | ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 5-8  
                            | ❖ 4:30 Girls’ Volleyball at Emerson     |
| Wednesday, September 26, 2018| ❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 4  
                              | ❖ Hotdog Lunch Money Due $1.00  
                              | ❖ Cross Country Meet at St. Paul  
                              | ❖ 6:00-9:00 Live Virtus Class  
                              | ❖ 7:00 6-8 Master Builders LEGO Robotic Meeting |
| Thursday, September 27, 2018 | ❖ **Red and White Day**/Detroit Red Wings Assembly @ 1:30  
                               | ❖ 4:30 Girls’ Volleyball at St. Paul |
Friday, September 28, 2018
❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8
❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5
❖ NWEA Make Up Testing
❖ **Hotdog Lunch $1.00 preorder**
❖ 2:00 WALK-A-THON DAY
❖ Cross Country Meet at Huron Meadows
❖ **October Salsarita Orders Due by 9:00 am**

Saturday, September 29, 2018
❖ 6:00 Fall Hayride; see below

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**LUNCH INFORMATION**

*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

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**Principal Notes**

**Salsarita:** Yes, Salsarita is back! I finally received the order forms today so October is included in the Messenger below. You will need one order sheet per student. **Correct cash or check written to St. Mary School is due with the order form no later than 9:00 am Friday, September 28.** Please send your order in an envelope marked Salsarita. If your student is gluten free, please indicate that on the order form and we can accommodate you.

**Walk-a-thon:** We will be walking on Friday rain or shine at 2:00. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to walk with us. How are your sponsorships coming? Were you able to send out the 3 sponsor letters to family or friends out of town? Shirts for all students will be sent home on Thursday unless the teacher decides to pass them out on Friday. Students are allowed to wear their shirts to school on this day even though we have Mass.

**Hamburg Library Chili Fundraiser:**

https://www.sign upgenius.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 lemon squeezy!

**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. 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](http://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.

**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.

Thank you to all who were able to make the **Virtus Refresher** at Open House. 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.

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

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

**CLASSROOM NEWS**
These first few weeks have flown by as the sixth grade has been adjusting to the life of a middle school student! Switching classes each day has proven to be quite a change for the students as they are able to move to different classrooms in order to receive their core subjects from three separate teachers. In Religion, year has started in the Book of Genesis, as we focus on the Old Testament all year. English has been going through nouns and pronouns as well as working in their vocabulary books. Social Studies is finishing studying human development from hunter-gatherers to the agricultural revolution. Math is currently focused on whole number properties and operations.

Literature has begun with a wrap-up of the summer reading novels before delving into the classic novel “Where the Red Fern Grows.” The students will be focusing on themes such as loyalty, devotion, and determination as we read. The beginning of science has focused on the rock cycle and is involving a lot of small group discovery as well as discussion. As we move through the first quarter, we are very much looking forward to our first full middle school field trip to The Henry Ford Museum and Ford Rouge Factory. Thank you to all of our parents for helping to make this trip a possibility!
FYI:

Virtue of the Week

ORDERLINESS meaning: Keeping oneself physically clean and neat and one’s belongings in good order

LOOKS LIKE: Making your bed neatly, Organizing your dresser drawers, Throwing your garbage away, Cleaning your room, Brushing your teeth

SOUNDS LIKE: I made my bed. I organized my dresser drawers. We threw that garbage away. I put my things away. I cleaned my room. I brushed my teeth.

JOHN 20:6–7

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

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.

**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.**
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Mark 9:30-37

In the reading from the Old Testament we hear about a righteous man who is being tested. At the time that this book was written it was believed that wicked people thought that everything ended at death and good people believed in life after death. In this reading, the good and just man is being tested. This passage prepares us to hear about what is going to happen to Jesus.

In the gospel reading, we hear Jesus predict his own suffering and death. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to be betrayed and killed. The disciples do not understand what Jesus is trying to tell them and they are afraid to ask any questions. We can imagine how lonely Jesus must have felt when his friends couldn’t understand him.

This gospel shows us the disciples arguing about which one of them is the greatest. Jesus points out that greatness is determined by how well a person serves others. He tells his disciples that whoever wants to be first must be last and the servant of all. Taking a small child into his arms, Jesus says that whoever welcomes a child welcomes him. The point that Jesus makes here is that we are to care for the small and powerless and by doing so we care for Jesus.

- How does this reading help you to define greatness?
- Who are some of the powerless people in our world today?
- Does it help you to know that when you serve the poor and powerless you serve Jesus? Explain.

The Call to Service

In the gospels Jesus shows us how to serve one another. Jesus gave his life to serve humanity. Through the example of Jesus we learn that a person’s willingness and ability to serve others determines true greatness.

As Catholic Christians, we are baptized into a life of service. We follow Jesus’ example by feeding the hungry, helping the poor, caring for the sick and welcoming the outcast. We also live out our baptismal call by acting as peacemakers in the world.
God has given each person unique gifts and talents. These gifts are given so that we can make the world a better place and give glory to God.

- What are some of your God-given gifts?
- How can you use your talents to serve others?
- How can you be a peacemaker at home and at school?

Preschool Tricycle Collection

St. Mary Preschool is looking for tricycle donations for our playground. Now that the baseball 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 be pushed by foot as these are too small for the preschoolers. We are looking for small pedal tricycles.

Thank you!
St. Mary Preschool
**Wednesday, October 10**

Taco Day with Salad
Soft Ground Beef Taco

**Optional Toppings:**
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato

**Sides:**
Garden Salad with White Corn
Chips & Mild Salsa
Orange Wedges

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**Wednesday, October 17**

Grilled Chicken Rice Bowl

**Optional Toppings:**
Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Steamed Corn & Cheese

**Sides:**
Chips & Salsa,
Orange Wedges

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**Wednesday, October 24**

Taco Day with Salad
Soft Ground Beef Taco

**Optional Toppings:**
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato

**Sides:**
Garden Salad with White Corn
Chips & Mild Salsa
Orange Wedges

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**Wednesday, October 31**

Cheesy Chicken Roll-Up
Grilled Chicken & Mexican Rice Rolled in a Tortilla Shell

**Optional Toppings:**
Black Beans, Queso, Lettuce & Tomatoes

**Sides:**
Chips & Salsa
Orange Wedges

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Any Dietary Concerns Contact: Connie @ Salsarita’s 810-227-2572
Total Meals Ordered: __________
Total $$ Enclosed: __________
Check #: __________
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

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

Knights of Columbus
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