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 6, 2018

Week – At – A - Glance

| Friday, September 7, 2018 | ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8  
❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8  
❖ First Friday Food Drive  
❖ Popcorn Day MOVED TO NEXT FRIDAY |
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<td>Saturday, September 8, 2018</td>
<td>❖ Cross Country Meet at PHS</td>
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<td>Monday, September 10, 2018</td>
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| Tuesday, September 11, 2018 | ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8  
❖ 4:30 Girls’ Volleyball at Huron Valley                          |
| Wednesday, September 12, 2018 | ❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 5                                       |
| Thursday, September 13, 2018 | ❖ **PICTURE DAY**; Dress Up Day/NO Jeans  
❖ 4:30 Girls’ Volleyball home/Christ the King                     |
| Friday, September 14, 2018  | ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8  
❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7  
❖ Popcorn Day; $0.50/bag                                          |
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**

**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.

**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](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.

**POPCORN HELP:** I am looking for someone to help or be the official Popcorn person for first Fridays of the month. Mrs. Kinsey is poppin’ for the month of September but would like a helper for the following months. It is very easy and she will train! If you can only help every other month, that will work too. It really does not take too long there is just one draw back...you smell like popcorn! ☺ Please contact Mrs. Kinsey at [mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org)
**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](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**: As mentioned at the Open House night for parents, we are looking for Sponsors for our T-Shirts. The cost is $250.00 and your business logo will be placed on the back of the shirts. These are popular shirts and go lots of places throughout the year. The money that we raise will go towards school technology. Please call Mrs. Kinsey @ 734-878-5616 or email her at mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org to send your logo and express your interest. Thank You! Please let us know by September 14 to ensure a spot on the shirts.

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

Need more information go to 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

**CLASSROOM NEWS**

Welcome back students and parents. We are off and running in the 8th grade. They have shown great leadership so far and an enthusiasm for their 8th grade year. They hope to serve the school well as leaders.

In Religion, we will be studying Church History, the Ten Commandments and Theology of the Body which is a program for middle school students. This program derives from St. John Paul II’s integrated vision of the human person. The class will also be performing various service projects for the school, parish and community.

In Social Studies we will be studying American History beginning with the Early Native Americans and hopefully getting to Reconstruction.

In Literature, not only will we be working through our anthology textbook but we will be writing various pieces culminating in an Autobiography that includes all the types of writing practiced in Middle School.

Please pray for us as we work together for a great 8th grade year.

Mrs. Linda Mable

**ST. MARY SWAG ORDERS**

**DUE SEPTEMBER 18 BY 9:00**

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT IN THE EMAIL TODAY FOR ORDER FORM
FYI:

Virtue of the Week

FORESIGHT meaning: Consideration of the consequences of one’s actions; thinking ahead

LOOKS LIKE: Writing yourself a reminder so that you are prepared Looking outside at the weather and dressing appropriately. Thinking ahead. Taking time to pray about a decision. Someone thinking

SOUNDS LIKE: I will get things ready for tomorrow. I will bring some water, a hat, sun block, and my sunglasses with me to the beach. If I do that, then this will happen... “Dear Jesus, enlighten my mind to know and do the right thing.” "I can't do that because..."

LUKE 14:28–32

For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace.

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](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!
**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](http://www.kroger.com).

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

Community Rewards Staff.

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**Children's Choir**

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

krea@stmarypinckey.org

734-878-3161

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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Mark 7:31-37
In the reading from the Old Testament we are given a glimpse of God’s mercy and compassion. We hear how God has come to take away all the suffering and evil in the world. God has come to save us.

God’s plan to save us continues with God sending Jesus into the world. In this gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man who has trouble speaking. The story describes how Jesus takes the man aside and sticks his fingers into the man’s ears, then he spits on his tongue and says the word “Ephphatha,” which means “be opened.” Immediately after this, the man’s ears are opened and he is able to speak plainly. The healing in this story is not magic, but it is a miracle pointing to God’s saving presence on earth. Jesus brings God’s presence into the world.

The people who saw Jesus cure the man were amazed. Jesus did not want them to tell anyone about what they saw. But the people could not keep it a secret. They were so excited about seeing a miracle that they went out to spread the news.

- What are some miracles that you have heard of?
- Can Jesus heal people today?
- Were you ever so excited about a secret that you just had to tell someone?

Catholic social teaching helps to direct us toward God’s desire to save the world. This teaching includes the directive to view all of God’s creation as a gift to treasure. We are to treat all human beings with dignity and value. God also entrusts us with the natural environment to respect and care for. The purpose of Catholic social teaching is to help us live the values and teachings of Jesus in our daily lives.

Jesus had a special concern for the poor. Therefore, an important part of Catholic social teaching is that we too must be concerned for the poor. We need to look at how the poor live their lives, and look at how we live our lives. This leads us to work with the poor to make things better.

- What does it mean when we say that, “the gift of the earth is for the whole of humanity?”
- How can you get to know the poor in your community?
WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is an opportunity for people from all walks of life to join together for food, fellowship, and discussion.

I'M AN ACTIVE CATHOLIC, SHOULD I ATTEND?

Yes! Alpha allows you to review the basics of the Faith and prepares you to invite others to learn more.

DO I HAVE TO BRING SOMEONE NEW?

No! Alpha is an opportunity to introduce people to Jesus, but it's also a great place for you to renew your relationship with Him and His people.

QUESTIONS?

Call 734-878-2217 or email ssalow@stmarypinckney.org
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 Dioecesan 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
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

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
DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN,

Help me earn more Box Tops for our school!

Thanks to General Mills and Walmart, when you buy five Box Tops for Education products between 7/10/18 and 9/10/18 and scan your receipt with the Box Tops Bonus App, you automatically earn 50 Box Tops—that’s $5 for our school!

With your help, we can make a difference for our school.

Thanks for all your hard work and support!

Learn more at BoxTopswm.com/Coordinators

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