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

November 1, 2018

Week – At – A - Glance

| Friday, November 2, 2018 | ❖ 7:30 Band  
❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6  
❖ First Friday Food Drive  
❖ Popcorn Day $.50/bag  
❖ ½ Day of School; dismiss at 12:00  
❖ End of First Quarter; teacher work day PM |
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| Monday, November 5, 2018      | ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 7  
❖ Book Fair Begins  
❖ 3:15-4:15 Homework Help  
❖ 3:30 Super Builders Robotics  
❖ 3:30 4-5 Wildbots Robotics |
| Tuesday, November 6, 2018     | ❖ 7:30 Band  
❖ Book Fair  
❖ ELECTION DAY! |
| Wednesday, November 7, 2018   | ❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 3  
❖ Book Fair  
❖ Salsarita Day; pre-ordered  
❖ 3:30 Wildbots Robotics  
❖ 7:00 6-8 Master Builders Robotics |
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<td>❖ <strong>3:15-7:00 Pasta Bar Dinner for Music Scholarship</strong></td>
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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

**Principal Notes**

I am so excited to tell you all that we won a share of the School Safety Grant! Our school won $22,871.00! The upgrades will begin to take place and be finished by October of 2019.

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Below is the link for Kindergarten thru Eighth grade parent teacher conferences. Please use the link to find a time and day that will work for you to meet with your child’s teacher. It is a first come first serve schedule so please if you are limited on time, please look sooner rather than later.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094dacab2aa46-parentteacher

Save the date!  Save the date!  Save the date!
The annual **Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship fundraiser dinner** will be on **Friday November 9th. Dinner will be available from 3:15pm to 7:00pm**. Take out will also be available during that time. The menu will include a pasta bar with 3 different noodles and 2 or 3 homemade sauces. There will also be a salad bar with many wonderful toppings, plus coffee, lemonade, water, and dessert! Below is the Signup genius if you are able to help in any way.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49a8a929a2fc1-

**School Lunch:** November 16\textsuperscript{th} will be the next school lunch by Mrs. Phipps and the Altar Society. It will be Chicken Tenders, Rice, Green Beans, and Fruit Cocktail. The cost will be $2.00. Please order by Monday, November 12.

**Auction:** Our **AUCTION MEETINGS** will take place **NOVEMBER 15, DECEMBER 13 AND JANUARY 10. ALL MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 PM AFTER THE KIDS ARE IN BED!**

**Raffle Tickets:** How are your sales going? We only have 4 more weeks to sell and return tickets by November 30\textsuperscript{th}. Don’t forget to look at the letter that was enclosed with your tickets as it had dates that were available to sell after Mass times. Parishioners are willing to buy them from you. Have your student dress in their school uniform and smile!

**Mark your calendars:** Coming to a gymnasium near you **The King and Me.** December 18, 2018 at 7:00. It will be a night to remember as our students show off their talents and get us into the Christmas Spirit. Hope to see you there. We will also be hold our drawing for the raffle tickets you are selling.

Thank you for all that you do to make St. Mary School a great place to be!

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**SECOND GRADE**

The second graders are currently preparing for their Frist Reconciliation. They will celebrate this beautiful sacrament with their families on Wednesday,
December 5, 2018. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they continue to learn about God’s unending grace and forgiveness.

Recently the second graders learned the power advertising can have on the election process. They were put into groups and then tried to “sell” their chosen snacks to other students. They made posters and developed presentations. They shared the presentations with the first graders and Kindergartners as well as each other. After viewing the presentations, all three classes “voted” for their favorite snack. The winner was Doritos!

In Science the children recently finished a lesson on “Extreme Habitats”. They were surprised to discover that deserts can be both cold and hot. They also realized that it is not the heat that makes a desert, but the lack of rain!

The children have enjoyed the projects and topics they have studied so far. Soon they will be learning how to read charts and graphs, how our government works, and how to write a personal narrative. They are excited to get started on their next project!

**THIRD GRADE**

Greetings from third grade! There are lots of fun and interesting things happening here in our classroom. In Religion, we are talking about the story of Moses. We looked up the book of Exodus in the Bible and read the chapters about how the Israelites were slaves in Egypt and how God kept His promise and freed them using Moses. Then we watched the movie “The Prince of Egypt.” Afterwards, we compared/contrasted the two versions. We decided the story in the Bible was interesting and factual, but that the movie was more fun to watch (and it had great music). We also have had our first Mass and we did really well!

We just finished our first book report of the year. We have been working really hard on how to summarize a story while using sequencing-type words. In writing, we wrote a story about Halloween from the perspective of the candy. In science, we are having fun learning about motion and forces. We built “marble runs” from paper towel rolls and duct tape then recorded our data. It was a STEM activity which we enjoyed immensely!
FYI:

Virtue of the Week

Patriotism meaning: Paying due honor and respect to one’s country, with a willingness to serve

Looks like: Showing respect for your country’s flag: Saying the Pledge of Allegiance, Showing respect for symbols and people who represent your country, Learning about your country, Learning and singing patriotic songs. Visiting historic sites, Casting a vote in government elections.

Sounds like: I pledge allegiance to the flag...Our country’s symbols have a lot of meaning. I want to learn more about our country. O say can you see. My country 'tis of thee. We went on a field trip to learn more about our country. I will cast my vote in the elections.

Ezra 3:10–11

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David king of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever toward Israel." And
all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

**Dress Down Day** – Monday, November 12 The 7th grade class is sponsoring a dress-down day on Monday, November 12. 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.

**Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip:** Antioxidants in foods help protect our bodies from illness and disease. Fruits and vegetables contain lots of antioxidants, like Vitamins A, C, and E to keep us healthy. The fruit that has the highest amount of antioxidants, or the highest fighting power against disease, is blueberries. Michigan produces over 100 million pounds of blueberries every year.

**Life Skills Everyone should know: by Karen Weese, freelance writer:**

*How to make a few simple meals. Mack and cheese, spaghetti, sandwiches, pancakes, and more. For other ideas, check out The Washington Post’s Website Voraciously, which helps novices get started in the kitchen.*

*How to relax when you can’t sleep. I learned this as a drama class warm-up exercise in the ninth grade and only later learned that it is called “progressive muscle relaxation.” How to be a good guest. How to acknowledge your friend’s parents when you enter their home, address all adults as Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms until instructed to do otherwise, and try to eat what is put in front of you. Also, proper table manners.*

*How to change the sheets. And how to fold a fitted sheet.*

*How to recognize the smell of propane and natural gas. Also, what to do when you smell it. There are scratch-and-sniff stickers to help kids learn how to detect the odors.*

*How to resolve a dispute. This includes the etiquette involved in writing an email to a teacher, and the value of assuming misunderstanding rather than malice. (“I thought maybe this grade was entered by mistake...?”)*

*How to interact with customer service to resolve an issue.*
*How to make a decision. How to make a list of options, write a pros-and-cons list, ask someone for advice and research alternatives. How to imagine what you would tell a good friend in your situation.

Hope you enjoyed this advice from Karen Weese, freelance writer.

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

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Matthew 5:1-12

John describes a very large crowd of people gathered around the throne of God. Jesus, the Lamb of God is by the throne. An angel places the seal of God on the forehead of God’s servants which will provide protection for them at the time of judgment. The people of the crowd wear white robes indicating that they have been washed clean of their sins by the blood of the Lamb. They wave palm branches that symbolize their victory over evil and their thankfulness to God. We understand that the people of this great crowd are those who were faithful to God in their lives and will now spend eternity with God.

In “The Sermon on the Mount” Jesus preaches the opposite idea of what people know. In the culture of Jesus’ day and in our day still, greatness was acquired through wealth and power. Rich, strong, and powerful people were usually the leaders. Jesus tells us the opposite in this gospel. If we are to be great in the kingdom of God, we must be humble. It will be the poor, the weak, and the lowly who will live forever with God.

- Who are the poor, weak and powerless in our world today that Jesus might be thinking of in this passage?
- How have we seen others care for the poor and weak? What can we do from their example?
- What one beatitude do you need to improve in your own life?

The Second Vatican Council made it clear that we, as Christians, are all one Body in Christ and that we are all called to a life of holiness. There are some people in the Body of Christ who, through a formal procedure, are recognized as especially holy. These Saints are our companions in prayer. They are patrons of groups of people and they serve as models for how we will live.
However, we are all called to this same holiness and are challenged to witness God’s kingdom through our own actions and words. On All Saints Day, we celebrate the lives of the many people who influenced our lives and serve as models for us. They may be living or dead. They may be well-known or known only to us.

- How do saints guide us?
- Why is it important to remember the lives of those who have died?
- What are some things in our lives that stunt our growth in holiness?

Sacrament Connection

When we approach the table to receive Eucharist, we process together as the Body of Christ. Together we gather around the table in communion. As we prepare to receive the sacrament, we honestly state that we are unworthy, but really want to try to live as God wants us to; indeed, as we are instructed in the beatitudes of today’s gospel. In the Eucharist, we become one with Jesus and join with one another in taking the love of Jesus into the world even as we leave the building of the church.

The Gospel in Life

Look again at the beatitudes in today’s gospel. Select the one that needs the most attention in your life and practice living it this week.

**BELOW YOU WILL FIND THE SALSARITA ORDER FOR DECEMBER. IT IS DUE TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH BY 9:00.**
Holiday Food Drive

It’s time for our annual Holiday Food Drive. Over the next few weeks, we are asking for donations to help with the Men’s Club Christmas Baskets. St. Mary’s Men's Club provides food baskets each year to those families in need during the holidays.

Once again, we have broken the items down per class to spread out the items needed. Please have all food items turned in by Wednesday, December 12th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lisa Wack at 810-231-6116. God Bless You!

**Please check the expiration date on ALL food items that you send in. We are not allowed to give out any expired food. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

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Catholic Social Services would like us to donate boxes of cereal for the seniors
Wednesday, December 5
Taco Day with Salad
Soft Ground Beef Taco
*Optional Toppings:*
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato
*Sides:*
Garden Salad with White Corn
Chips & Mild Salsa
Orange Wedges

Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name__________________________

Wednesday, December 12
Grilled Chicken Rice Bowl
*Optional Toppings:*
Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Steamed Corn & Cheese
*Sides:*
Chips & Salsa,
Orange Wedges

Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name__________________________

Wednesday, December 19
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 #: _________

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St. Mary Parish

Men's Club Presents

COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST

Special Guests

Pinckney High School Varsity Pom Team

Sunday November 4, 2018
Serving 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds to be used for New Parish Sign

AREA’S BEST MENU!
Eggs - Scrambled or Fried
Hash Brown Potatoes
Homemade Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
Quiche Ham/Sausage
Pancakes
French Toast, Raisin French Toast
Ham, Pork, Sausage Links
Toast-Regular & Raisin
Coffee, Tea, Milk, & Orange Juice
And of Course the Waffle Station!

Multiple Drawing Raffle
1st Prize Half the Pot
2nd Prize Certificate to
Marco’s Pizza

St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd - 734-878-3161