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 15, 2018

Week –At – A - Glance

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<td>Monday, November 19, 2018</td>
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<td>❖ 7:30 Band&lt;br&gt;❖ ½ Day of school; Noon Dismissal&lt;br&gt;❖ Parent Teacher Conferences&lt;br&gt;❖ 4:30 JV and Varsity Boys’ Basketball at AA Christian</td>
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<td>Wednesday, November 21-Friday, November 23</td>
<td>❖ No School&lt;br&gt;❖ Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!</td>
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<td>Monday, November 26, 2018</td>
<td>❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 4&lt;br&gt;❖ 3:15-4:15 Homework Help&lt;br&gt;❖ 3:30 Super Builders Robotics&lt;br&gt;❖ 3:30 4-5 Wildbots Robotics</td>
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| Tuesday, November 27, 2018 | SPIRIT WEAR DAY  
7:30 Band  
4:30 JV and Varsity Boys’ Basketball at Huron Valley |
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| Wednesday, November 28, 2018 | 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 4  
Salsarita Day; pre-ordered  
3:30 Wildbots Robotics  
6:00 Education Team Meeting  
7:00 6-8 Master Builders Robotics |
| Thursday, November 29, 2018 | 3:30 Wildbots Robotics  
3:15-4:15 Homework Help  
3:15 Children’s Choir  
3:15 Chess Scholars  
4:30 JV and Varsity Boys’ Basketball home against Christ the King |
| Friday, November 30, 2018 | 7:30 Band  
8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6  
December Salsarita Orders Due by 9:00am  
Raffle Tickets w/$ Due by 3:15 |

**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.

**Raffle Tickets:** How are the ticket sales going? Only 2 more weeks to sell your tickets and get them turned in by November 30th. Remember if you are
interested in selling your tickets after Mass, you have the opportunity the last
two weekends of November. Have your students dress in their school uniform
so parishioners can recognize them. Maybe have them make a sign to hold.
Have your pens ready!

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

**ST MARY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**  On Sunday, December
2nd, St Mary Men’s Club in Pinckney is proudly sponsoring our annual
"Community Christmas Breakfast" at the Parish, located south of M-36 at
10601 Dexter Pinckney Road in Putnam Township. Breakfast is served 8:30
until 11:00am and is a Free Will Donation. Proceeds provide food baskets for
our neighbors in need and funding for our Community Food Banks, Gleaners,
Love Inc and St Mary’s Food Pantry. All donations are welcomed and tax
receipts are available upon request. Our delicious menu is considered the best
in the area serving everything from homemade quiche to waffles. Our talented
Parish Music Director, Kathleen Rea, will be leading the Christmas Carols.It is
truly a Community Christmas Event and All are Welcome to join as a Family,
to help our Neighbors and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. For
further information contact Heather at the Parish Office 734-878-3161.

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provide some assistance and I would imagine this year's numbers will be
similar.  Sad that we need to do it but grateful we are able to help a family in
need.  ~Bob Phipps***

**WE WILL BE PUTTING THE TARPS DOWN AND THE STAGE UP IN THE
GYM ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 RIGHT AT DROP OFF.  I COULD
REALLY USE SOME EXTRA HANDS TO GET THIS DONE QUICKLY.  IF I
GET ENOUGH HANDS WE COULD HAVE IT ALL READY IN AN HOUR OR
LESS!**

**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
KINDergarten

Happy November! It’s hard to believe we’re already into the second quarter! The first quarter of our school year has been great! We have learned so much! We have learned that God created our families and ourselves to be unique and to love one another. We have learned our job as Christians is to spread God’s love. We are also busy learning our sight words. So far, we have learned the words: am, a, have, I, is, the, like, little, my, to, and we. We are also learning to blend letter sounds together to sound out words we don’t know. Pretty soon, we will be reading and writing on our own. We are also working on our handwriting. We are learning proper formation and placement on the lines. In Math, we just started to learn about numbers. We have also learned about patterns, more and less, and positional words. In Social Studies, we have been learning about communities and community helpers. We also learned about voting and voted on the second graders snack presentations. We also had a mock election for president between Clifford and Duck. We drew campaign posters, talked about what would make each character a good president, and voted. Clifford won by a landslide! In Science, we are just starting a unit on Force and Motion. We hope you are having a wonderful school year and have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

PRESCHOOL

Things are busy in the preschool world! The children have adjusted well to the start of a new school year. Our older preschool students have taken on a leadership role and have been great helpers to the younger students who are experiencing school for the first time.

We started the beginning of the school year becoming acquainted with classroom procedures, rules, social interactions and interacting with new friends. Routine is very important to young children, and we are into a groove! All of the children in class are actively involved throughout the day by
performing specific tasks based on our classroom “Job Board”, where students are assigned a special job each day. It is awesome to see the class work together and take pride in their daily jobs!

We are eagerly exploring and learning every day! We began the school year learning a variety of Nursery Rhymes. This is a fun way to incorporate many important activities such as rhyming, word patterns, prediction, sequencing, and many fun math opportunities. In October, we learned about bats, spiders and nocturnal animals. We had a great time at our Fall Harvest Celebration. We are currently learning about woodland animals as well as the First Thanksgiving.

Our faith in God is woven into all aspects of our learning. One of our central themes has been learning that God loves us and wants us to be happy! We have focused on learning to be kind and strive to live like God intended. We have learned about “Little Acts of Grace” such as doing the sign of the cross, praying before meals and praying at the beginning and end of each day.

We look forward to entering the holiday season! This is a wonderful time of year to help young children understand the gift of giving and living a Catholic life. We are working on holiday cards for the seniors in our community. We have already been working with Building Bridges of Hope as we collected items for their auction. We teamed up with the Junior Optimist Club and collected over 200 Beanie Babies for Operation Gratitude, which sends the Beanie Babies overseas with our service men and women to distribute to children in third world countries. Upcoming events will be collecting canned goods for the annual food drive, collecting pajamas for Scholastic Pajama Drive and collecting coloring books for Building Bridges of Hope.

As we move into December, we will be preparing for the Christmas concert as well. We hope that you can join us!

Beth Stodart

St. Mary Preschool
Virtue of the Week

GRATITUDE meaning: Thankful disposition of mind and heart

LOOKS LIKE: Smiling at your mom after she cooks dinner, The Blessed Mother singing the Magnificat, Receiving the LEGOS with a smile, Appreciating friends, Praying after I receive Jesus in Holy Communion

SOUNDS LIKE: Thank you, mom, for this delicious dinner. The Almighty has done great things for me! Thank you for letting me use your LEGOS. Thank you for being my friend. Silence. Thank you, Jesus, for coming into my heart.

LUKE 22:14–20

And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
**Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip:** Find ways to be active every day. You might even write down a list of fun stuff to do, so you can refer to it when it is time to stop watching TV or playing video games. Your mission, if you choose to accept, is to spend two hours or less in front of a screen every day! Use this time to get active instead.

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

Daniel 12:1-3  Mark 13:24-32

In the Old Testament reading we hear about the end of the world as we know it. This description of the final days is a form of apocalyptic writing. Catholic tradition does not interpret apocalyptic writing literally.

The reading from the Book of Daniel describes a time of great anguish when the people of God will be delivered. Many who sleep in the earth shall awaken to everlasting life. And some will experience shame and horror. This reading declares that at the end of time, the wise will be exalted for leading others to righteousness.

The gospel reading also describes the end of the world, as we know it. Again, a time of great suffering is mentioned. Then, the coming of the Lord on the last day is described with vivid imagery. This reading provides a message of both consolation and hope. The Son of Man will overcome all evil and put an end to suffering and death. The Elect will be saved.

These readings can cause fear and uncertainty about the final days. It is reasonable to fear the possibility of being separated from God. However, it is more desirable for love to be the motivating force when it comes to faith. This gospel reading assures us that God will protect and gather up the chosen. We place our hope in the protection and presence of God.

- The Lord’s coming on the last day will restore peace and harmony to the world. Imagine a world without suffering or evil.
- How does this reading give you hope for the end of time?
- Does this reading cause you to fear the end of time? Explain.
- Does it comfort you to know that you are one of God’s Elect? If so, why?
Final Judgment

Human beings were created with the freedom to choose whether or not to live in cooperation with God. Throughout human history we have seen the devastating consequences of decisions made apart from the grace of God. It is up to us to make choices that help to renew the earth and bring about Christ’s presence. It is part of God’s ultimate plan that we live forever with God. It is our responsibility to do our best to live in accordance with God’s grace.

Final judgment will occur when Jesus comes again in glory. We believe that the world is currently being renewed by the presence of Christ. In the final days, the world as we know it will be completely transformed into a new and wonderful place.

The last judgment is when God will ultimately triumph over evil and establish a new heaven and earth. Catholics interpret the imagery regarding the end times with eyes of faith. Final judgment is perceived as the glorious revelation of God’s power over evil.

The Gospel in Life

Talk with a family member or write in a journal about your thoughts and feelings concerning the final judgment. Remember that your name is written in the Book of Life.
CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

We are looking for children 2nd - 8th grade, to participate in the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. There are 2 MANDATORY Rehearsals on Dec. 13th and 20th from 3:30-4:15. You will need to arrive at 3:15 on Christmas Eve for warm up and preparation.

**Participation will include**

A Christmas procession to welcome the Christ Child, if younger siblings would like to participate in this then sit with their parents they would be welcome to. (Children will be carrying stars and battery powered candles, which if anyone has extra at home we would be grateful to borrow)

**Music / Singing**

Readers for the Mass – these will be selected from the upper classmen.

**Servers**

**Greeters**

If you would like to participate please contact Kathleen Rea at krea@stmarypinckney.org

Include child(rens) names and grades please. Thank you.
TOOLS FOR
Small Group Discussion & Prayer

PREPARE FOR BIBLE STUDIES, ALPHA, AND MORE

NOVEMBER 20, 2018
6:30PM - 8:30PM
SAINT MARY MULTI-USE ROOM & CHURCH

- TRAINING
- MASS
- PRAISE & WORSHIP

REGISTER:
WWW.STMARYPINCKNEY.ORG/ADULT-FAITH-FORMATION/
Last year we had 48 families and over 200 individuals we were able to provide some assistance and I would imagine this year’s numbers will be similar. Sad that we need to do it but grateful we are able to help a family in need.
**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.**

**Preschool**
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, applesauce)

**Kindergarten**
- Juice

**1st Grade**
- Boxes/bags of Stuffing

**2nd Grade**
- Soup, Beef Stew

**3rd Grade**
- Mashed Potatoes

**4th Grade**
- Macaroni and Cheese

**5th Grade**
- Canned Chicken

**6th Grade**
- Pancake Mix/Syrup

**7th Grade**
- Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce

**8th Grade**
- Peanut Butter/Jelly

*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

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

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**Any Dietary Concerns Contact:**
Connie @ Salsarita’s 810-227-2572

**Total Meals Ordered:** __________

**Total $$ Enclosed:** __________

**Check #:** __________

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**SALSA RITA ORDER IS DUE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 BY 9:00 am.**
You’re invited to come and enjoy …

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 8, 2018
9:00am to 11:00am
St. Mary Catholic Church
10601 Dexter Pinckney Road, Pinckney

KIDS: Bring Mom & Dad for a fun-filled morning with Santa

- Pancakes & Sausages for Breakfast
- Christmas Crafts for all
- Visit with Santa! (bring your camera)

There is no cost to attend this event. However, a free-will donation and/or an un-wrapped toy for Toys for Tots are welcome.

For further information, call Santa’s Helper “Kevin” @ 734.646.2010

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
In service to One. In service to All.
St. Mary Parish
Annual
Community Christmas Breakfast

Sunday December 2, 2018
From 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds Provide Food Baskets for Our Neighbors in Need
And Funding for Our Community Food Banks
Gleaners, Love Inc. & St Mary

AREA'S BEST MENU!
Eggs-Scrambled or Fried
Hash Brown Potatoes
Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
Quiche, Pancakes
Toast-Regular & Raisin
French Toast &
Raisin French Toast
Ham, Pork Sausage Links
Coffee, Tea, Milk,
& Orange Juice

Music Director
Kathleen Rea
Leading Christmas Carols

50/50 Raffle
1st Prize Half the POT!
2nd Prize Certificate to

Bock's Big Acre

We Join as a Family to
Help our Neighbors

Sponsored by St Mary Men's Club