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 8, 2018

Week –At – A - Glance

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| Friday, November 9, 2018    | ✤ Last day for Book Fair  
✤ 7:30 Band  
✤ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5  
✤ **Lunch in the Classroom**  
✤ **3:15-7:00 Pasta Bar Dinner for Music Scholarship** |
| Monday, November. 12, 2018 | ✤ Morning Prayer; gr. 6  
✤ **Chicken Tenders Lunch Orders due w/$2.00 by 9:00 am**  
✤ **Dress Down Day $1.00**  
✤ 3:15-4:15 Homework Help  
✤ 3:30 Super Builders Robotics  
✤ 3:30 4-5 Wildbots Robotics |
| Tuesday, November 13, 2018  | ✤ **SPIRIT WEAR DAY**  
✤ 7:30 Band  
✤ 4:30 JV and Varsity Boys’ Basketball home against SSA |
| Wednesday, November 14, 2018| ✤ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 6  
✤ Salsarita Day; pre-ordered  
✤ **Report Cards Emailed Home**  
✤ 3:30 Wildbots Robotics |
### Thursday, November 15, 2018

- 7:00 Master Builders Robotics
- 7:00 Parish Pastorial Council Meeting All Welcome
- 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 at SSA Plymouth
- **8:00 Auction Meeting**

### Friday, November 16, 2018

- 7:30 Band
- 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8
- 10:15-11:45 Buzz About Bees grs. 3-8 (odd times)
- **Chicken Tenders Lunch pre-ordered**

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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**

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](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094dacab2aa46-parentteacher)
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-tricia](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f49a8a929a2fc1-tricia)

School Lunch: November 16th 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!**

**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.

**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
The first graders have been working very hard and having a lot of fun this school year. It’s hard to believe it’s already the second quarter!

We spent the first quarter reading and learning about the great love that God has for all of us. We talked about different forms of prayer and how we can use them to listen and talk to God throughout the day. We have also started our individual picture Bibles. Every week we have been focusing on at least one Bible story that goes along with what we are learning in our Religion book. The students then write the Bible story in their own words and draw a picture to go along with it. This week we are focusing on Moses and the burning bush.

We are enjoying the stories in our reading series. We recently started a new unit, which focuses on the relationship between humans and animals. This week we’re learning about nonfiction text features in our story, ‘A Fox and a Kit’. We will also be learning about animals in science as we explore how different animals can be classified into groups based on their physical characteristics. In math we are learning many different strategies that will help us memorize our addition and subtraction facts.

We look forward to learning many more new things throughout the year.
Virtue of the Week

GENEROSITY meaning: Giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others

LOOKS LIKE: Spending time with someone else, Smiling, Thinking of others first, Sharing with someone, Bringing food to the poor.

SOUNDS LIKE: Would you like to play with me? Silence, I will push you on the swing first. Would you like this? I gave food to the poor.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6–8

The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.

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.

**Life Skills Everyone should know by Mrs. Kinsey: How to use a broom to sweep! 😊**

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

1 Kings 17:10-16  Mark 12:38-44 [or short form 12:41-44]

In the Old Testament reading, the power of the Word of God through the prophets is revealed. The poor widow did what Elijah told her and as was promised, her jar of meal was not emptied. God gave her all she needed and more. In the days of the Old Testament it was not uncommon for a widow to be poor since she no longer had a husband to provide for her. What is exceptional about this woman is her willingness to share what little she had.

The gospel reading introduces us to another generous widow who gives everything she has. As many rich people put large sums into the treasury, Jesus watches a poor widow put in a penny. Jesus tells his disciples that others gave of their abundance but this woman gave of her poverty. The generosity and quiet humility of this poor widow are admirable.

Jesus calls attention to the poor widow in order to teach his disciples what it means to follow him. Jesus knew that his disciples were concerned about material possessions and success and this was keeping them from understanding true discipleship. The widow shows what it takes to be truly great in the Reign of God.

This gospel reading suggests that the amount that a person gives does not matter. What does matter is the spirit and intention of the giver. The poor widow put her trust in God and gave all that she had. She was able to empty herself with the awareness that God would provide for her every need.

- What do these readings tell you about generosity?
- Who gives you the things that you need and want?
- How are you being called to give?
- Do you trust that God will give you what you need?
**Stewardship**

God created the world and everything good. We have been given all of creation as a gift. God has given us the responsibility of stewardship, which means to care for creation. Stewardship is closely linked to discipleship. Each of us has been given unique gifts from God to be used to help build the Reign of God on earth. For Catholics, being a follower of Christ includes being a good steward and taking good care of the gifts that God has given.

The reward of the good steward will be experienced in the world beyond this one. However, when we share our gifts with others and contribute to the good of the world around us we are living in cooperation with God. That is our reward here and now.

- Name some people who care for the world and its resources today.
- How do you care for nature and the environment?
- Do you think of yourself as a good steward?
- How do you share your gifts for the good of the world?

**The Gospel in Life** Consider the enormous number of trees that are being cut down to make paper products. This week make a conscious effort to be less wasteful. Spread the news to your family and friends that you are being a good steward.

"Come to Me, All Who are Burdened, and I Will Give You Rest"

**Event:** Faith and Mental Health Speaker

**Date:** Friday, Nov 30

**Time:** 6:30 Pizza gathering; 7:00 Speaker

**Place:** Activity Center at Holy Spirit Catholic Church 8565 Musch Road, Brighton MI 48116

**Fee:** No cost

**Who:** High School and Middle School students (5th grade and up)

They are asking parents to RSVP for pizza count. Please have parents contact me at this email by the 26th with their numbers.
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
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**Wednesday, December 12**
Grilled Chicken Rice Bowl
*Optional Toppings:*
Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Steamed Corn & Cheese
*Sides:*
Chips & Salsa,
Orange Wedges

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**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: __________
Total Meals Ordered: _______
Total $$ Enclosed: __________
Check #: __________

**SALSARITA ORDER IS DUE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 BY 9:00 am.**
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.

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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

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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

Waffle Station!
We Join as a Family to
Help our Neighbors

Music Director
Kathleen Rea
Leading Christmas Carols

50/50 Raffle
1\textsuperscript{st} Prize Half the POT!
2\textsuperscript{nd} Prize Certificate to

BOCK'S BIG ACRE

Sponsored by St Mary Men's Club