

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

December 13, 2018

### Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, December 14, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band</li> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5</li> <li>❖ Chili Lunch pre-ordered</li> </ul>
Monday, December 17, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 2</li> <li>❖ 3:15-4:15 Homework Help</li> <li>❖ 3:30 Super Builders Robotics</li> </ul>
Tuesday, December 18, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band</li> <li>❖ Dress Down Day; \$1.00</li> <li>❖ 7:00 Christmas Band and Musical Concert</li> </ul>
Wednesday, December 19, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8</li> <li>❖ Salsarita Day; pre-ordered</li> <li>❖ Tarps up and Stage down after Mass 9:15. <b>Volunteers NEEDED please</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Preschool Christmas party; am</b></li> </ul>
Thursday, December 20, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Preschool Christmas party; am</b></li> <li>❖ 3:15 Children's Choir</li> <li>❖ <b>NO HOMEWORK HELP TODAY</b></li> </ul>
Friday, December 21, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ ½ Day of School; noon dismissal</li> <li>❖ 7:30 Band</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4</li> <li>❖ <b>January Salsarita Orders due by 9:00 am</b></li> <li>❖ <b>January Latchkey schedules due</b></li> <li>❖ 11:00 Christmas parties grs. K-8</li> <li>❖ Sports Eligibility Check</li> </ul>
December 22,2018-January 2, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ No School</li> <li>❖ <b>Merry Christmas and Happy New Year</b></li> </ul>

## **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

**We will pick the stage and tarps back up on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> right after Mass about 9:20. Anyone who can assist; it would be greatly appreciated.**

**Auction news!** Ready for an evening filled with opportunities for fun and fundraising. Get ready to Bid on 6 days away on Higgins Lake or an African Safari. Spend Thanksgiving @ Lions game(2) or Cypress Pointe, Florida. Take the family (4) to see Tigers Opening Day!, Enjoy a weekend away at Torch Lake. Fly on a personal plane w/ 3 of your friends for an evening getaway. SAVE THE DATE 02/02/2019 for an evening Under the Stars at he Country Fair where you can bid on a range of items from a Hog to Braces.

We need help building the Pure Michigan baskets! While you are shopping, can you pick up an item or 2 to help us build some "Pure Michigan" themed baskets? Ideas: syrup, baking mixes, wine, coasters/cutting board, chocolates, books, puzzles, Sports teams....

**School Safety Grant:** Upgrade planning is already in the works. We will be getting a video buzzer at the front door (the parish will also be purchasing one too), security film for all doors, and trauma kits for hallways, office, and classrooms. You may have noticed that the work on the safety film has already begun! This project is supported by the Competitive School Safety Grant Program, awarded by the State of Michigan and administered by the Michigan State Police (MSP). Points of view or opinions contained within this document do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the State of Michigan or MSP.

**Looking Ahead:**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Band and Music Concerts** 7:00 pm **The King and Me** presented by St. Mary Catholic School. **Students arrive at 6:45 unless they are in the band or “play”.** **Students should dress in their Christmas Best clothes.**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bake Sale. This will take place after the Christmas concert. All donation happily accepted.**

**January 5<sup>th</sup>** Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Boys and Girls

**JANUARY 10 AUCTION MEETING 8:00 PM AFTER THE KIDS ARE IN BED!**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** Boys’ Basketball Tournaments begin at St. Thomas and St. Paul

**January 15<sup>th</sup>** NWEA Winter Testing Begins

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 Daddy Daughter Dance

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** Spelling Bee

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** Auction Night “Under the Stars at the Country Fair”

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** 7:00 Mother Son Dance

The weather outside has been like a yo-yo. Please help your child to be ready for

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

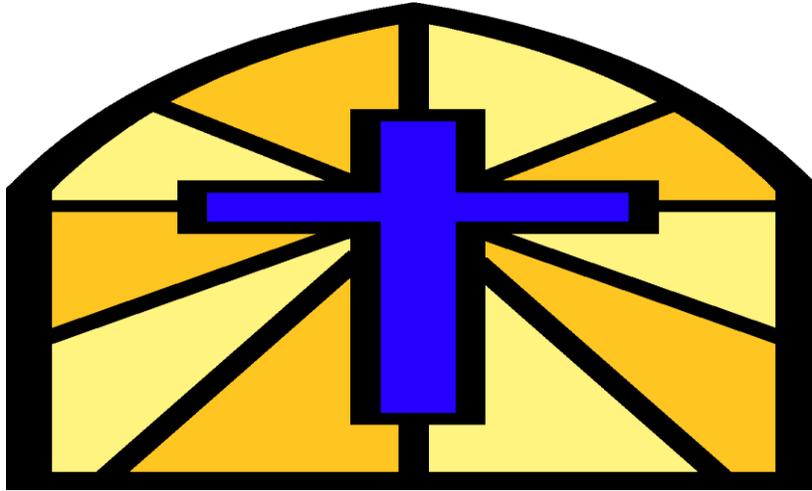
**CLASSROOM NEWS**

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Is it possible that it is already just weeks away from the end of the second quarter and days from Christmas? As the sixth grade powers through middle school, they are finding that enrichment times are a fantastic opportunity to stay on top of their work! In Religion, we are just beginning to focus on Moses and his journey into the desert. Literature has been working with short stories and various narrations, particularly another heartwarming tale of a dog in "Stray." After Christmas we will move forward and read "The King of Mazy May." Science is continuing to use the Next Generation Science Standards as we delve into plate tectonics before moving onto continental drift and earthquakes.

In other areas, social studies is in the midst of the ever-exciting Egyptian simulation, while English is working with the parts a basic sentence. Vocabulary has presented students with the opportunity to develop their independent learning skills as they work through the critical thinking skills in the workbook. Math is working on factors and prime factorization and will be including Egyptian math in the upcoming weeks.

With December passing quickly, we hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



## FYI

### Virtue of the Week

**MAGNIFICENCE meaning:** Doing great things for God

**LOOKS LIKE:** Making an extra sacrifice, Using one's talents for good, Doing more than you have to do, Volunteering to help with a food drive, Using your talents for good

**SOUNDS LIKE:** I will make that sacrifice. I will use my talents to help other people. I can do that extra job! I will make that sacrifice. I will help with the food drive. Let's build a house for a family in need.

*ACTS 10:1-8*

*At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms liberally to the people, and prayed constantly to God. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." And he stared at him in terror, and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.*

**Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip:** We should aim for three servings of whole grains every day. A slice of bread, one-half cup of brown rice or 100% whole-wheat pasta, and a pouch of instant oatmeal all count as one serving of whole grains. When shopping for whole grains look for one of the following whole grains as the first item on the ingredients list: whole or rolled oats, brown or wild rice, whole wheat, whole grain corn, buckwheat, cracked wheat, quinoa.

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

Baruch 5:1-9   Luke 3:1-6

The announcement made in the Old Testament reading is cause for celebration. Jerusalem is told to take off the garment of sorrow and put on forever the beauty of the glory of God. We are given a sense of relief and excitement. It is time to rejoice in God's promise of salvation.

In the Old Testament reading the people of Israel return to the holy city, Jerusalem, like royalty, robed in justice. Once in mourning and misery, Israel is now being led with joy in the light of the glory of God.

Cause for hope in the saving presence of God is also found in the gospel reading. In this gospel, we are introduced to a most fascinating character, John the Baptist. In the wilderness John receives the word of God. And with total conviction and single-hearted determination, the prophet proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

The gospel writer quotes Isaiah 40:3-5 when describing the role of John the Baptist in preparing the way for Christ's coming. This description of John the Baptist has us look forward to the coming of the Lord whom he announces.

The coming of Jesus is a saving event for all people. During the season of Advent we take to heart the message of John the Baptist—to make straight our path and prepare for the coming of the Lord.

- What are some things that lead you off the path of goodness?
- How can you avoid those things in order to make straight your path this season of Advent?
- Where do you find hope this Advent season?
- What can you do to help others find hope?

**“Through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.”**

The prophet John the Baptist announces the promise of salvation. John the Baptist directs us to the object of our longing. He points the way to Jesus, our hope. The Church considers John the Baptist to be the prophet who shows the world its savior.

During the season of Advent we watch and wait. We hope in the promise of salvation. The message of salvation, impressed upon us by the prophets, makes us who we are this advent -- a people preparing for the day, hoping in God's promise.

- How are you preparing for the coming of Jesus this Advent?
- What helps you to keep the focus on Jesus during the season of Advent?
- How can you show your gratitude to God for the promise of salvation?

### **The Gospel in Life**

Let the Christmas decorations you see this week fill you with gratitude and hope as you prepare for the coming of Jesus.

## **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\*\*](mailto:krea@stmarypinckney.org)

Include child(rens) names and grades please. Thank you.

St. Mary Parish  
Men's Club Presents  
**COUNTRY STYLE  
BREAKFAST**

*The Rockin'  
Oldies Road  
Show*



with **Cousin Mikey**

**Sunday January 6, 2019**

Serving 8:30am to 11:00am

**FREE WILL DONATION**

Proceeds to help with 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize Half the Pot**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 2 Passes for One**

**St Mary**

**Lenten Fish Dinner**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Certificate to**

**MARCO's Pizza**

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

**Wednesday, January 9**

**Taco Day with Salad**

Soft Ground Beef Taco

Optional Toppings:

Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato

Sides:

Garden Salad with White Corn

Chips & Mild Salsa

Orange Wedges



Small  
\$4.00

Large  
\$5.50

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

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, January 16**

**Grilled Chicken Rice Bowl**

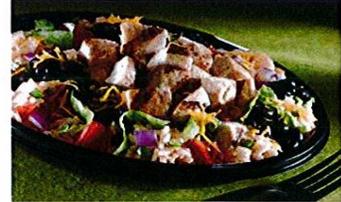
Optional Toppings:

Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Steamed Corn & Cheese

Sides:

Chips & Salsa,

Orange Wedges



Small  
\$4.00

Large  
\$5.50

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

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, January 23**

**Taco Day with Salad**

Soft Ground Beef Taco

Optional Toppings:

Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato

Sides:

Garden Salad with White Corn

Chips & Mild Salsa

Orange Wedges



Small  
\$4.00

Large  
\$5.50

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

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, January 30**

**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



Small  
\$4.00

Large  
\$5.50

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

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Any Dietary Concerns Contact:

Total Meals Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Connie @ Salsarita's 810-227-2572

Total \$\$ Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**JANUARY SALSARITA ORDER DUE 9:00 AM ON DECEMBER 21**