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 29, 2018

**Week –At – A - Glance**

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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. 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.

**Raffle Tickets:** Are now due into the school office by tomorrow, November 30.

**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!

**Dress Down Day:** The 7th grade class is sponsoring a dress-down day on Tuesday, December 18. 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.

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! We will pick the stage and tarps back up on Wednesday, December 19th right after Mass about 9:20. Anyone who can assist would be greatly appreciated.

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

8TH GRADE

Merry Christmas from the Eighth Grade!

We are busily preparing for the Christmas program, The King and Me! Along with those preparations, we are studying the four marks of the Church in Religion class and will also be preparing for Christmas with Advent activities.

In Literature class, we will be focusing on short stories and less writing pieces this quarter.

In Social Studies, we have completed our studies of the Revolutionary War and the Constitution. Next we will be focusing on the first political parties and the presidents and events leading up to the Civil War. Every day we keep up with current events by watching CNN Student News.

See you at the Christmas program!
FYI:

Virtue of the Week

PRAYERFULNESS meaning: Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend

LOOKS LIKE: Folding my hands when I pray, Focusing on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Looking at the priest during Mass, Kneeling in the pew, Closing your song book quietly

SOUNDS LIKE: Silence, Praying out loud with a group of people

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand.

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Lack of sleep can reduce your ability to fight infections. Stay healthy by getting 8 hours of sleep every night. As long
as you exercise two hours before bed, exercise can improve the quality of your sleep.

**Robotics Challenge:** Our 4th and 5th grade First LEGO Robotics team, Wildbots, will be competing in their first challenge on Saturday, December 1st. The competition will take place at Brighton High School. They have been working very hard meeting three times a week to be ready for this competition. We are very excited and proud of all of their hard work. Thank you to Mr. Patrick Martyka for being instrumental in bringing this to our school. Also, thank you to all of the parents who are helping the different teams develop their skills; it is more than just “playing” with LEGOS!

Dear St. Patrick, Patron Saint of the Engineer, please watch over our students on Saturday as they present their challenges. They have worked diligently these last months learning lots of things about building and coding and working together as a team. Thank you for their enthusiasm as they learn and work through the challenges this weekend. Amen.

**St. Patrick, Patron Saint of the Engineer:** In his adult life, St. Patrick worked to spread Christianity throughout the British Isles. As part of this mission, he built churches—including the first churches in Ireland, as a matter of fact. Before his arrival in Ireland, builders used a dry masonry technique that involved stacking flat stones on top of each other, gradually overlapping the stones to enclose the walls. St. Patrick, however, was familiar with more Romanized forms of architecture, including the use of lime mortar. It’s also believed that he introduced the concept of arches to Irish builders, giving them the knowledge they needed to build the traditional stone churches that still dot the Irish countryside today. Because of this, the Catholic church has deemed him the patron saint of engineers.

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

The Old Testament reading speaks of the fulfillment of God’s promise. When a “just shoot” will spring up bring justice and righteousness to the land. In this reading from Jeremiah, Christians have understood Jesus of Nazareth to be the fulfillment of God’s promise. Jesus is the “just shoot,” a descendant of the family of King David, who was sent to bring about the kingdom of God.

The Second Coming of Christ is described in this gospel reading in cosmic terms. There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars and on earth the roaring of waves will cause distress. Then, amidst this frightening scene, we are given hope. Although Catholics do not interpret this passage literally, we can live with the hope and confidence that we will be saved.

The gospel offers guidance on how to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ. Be on guard. Stay mindful of what really matters in life, such as being in right relationship with God, one another and one’s self. Be alert. Stay attentive to the movement of the Spirit, and listen for what is true. Be prayerful. Stay connected to God, and grow in friendship with Jesus.

On this First Sunday of Advent we are reminded to look forward to the Second Coming of Christ with expectancy and hope. The season of Advent provides time for us to reflect on how we are to get ready for the coming of Christ.

- What can you do to get ready for the coming of Christ?
- How can your preparation for Christmas also help you prepare for the Second Coming of Christ?

“He will come again in glory.”

Our doctrinal focus for the First Sunday of Advent comes from our Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed) which states that Christ will come again in glory. The kingdom of God that Jesus established on earth is here with us but it is not here completely. This is made evident wherever there is evil and suffering in the world. We look forward to the end of time, when Christ will come again in glory to put an end to all evil and suffering and bring the fullness of the kingdom of God on earth. Catholics reject any attempts to predict the Second Coming of Christ or the end of the world, as we know it.

During the season of Advent we look forward to the end of time when the reign of God will be fully established on earth. Catholics believe that we have a responsibility to work for justice and peace at the present time in cooperation with the grace of God in order to help bring about the kingdom of God.
• How can you work for justice and peace at home, in school and with your friends?
• Do you look forward to the day when the kingdom of God is fully established on earth? Explain.

The Gospel in Life

Bring the Advent calendar that you made home and put it in a place where you can look at it each day. Put your ideas into practice and 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

Include child(ren) names and grades please. Thank you
It's Not Too Late - Advent Bible Study

Tuesdays 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
6:15pm-7:00pm
*Optional Mass and Adoration to follow

*Simultaneous K-8 Bible Study
*Daytime Bible Study Tuesdays @8:30am

Register:
www.stmarypinekney.org/adult-faith-formation
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

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

Any Dietary Concerns Contact: ________________________
Connie @ Salsarita’s 810-227-2572
Total Meals Ordered: ___________
Total $$ Enclosed: ___________
Check #: ___________

SALSARITA 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

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

Music Director
Kathleen Rea
Leading Christmas Carols

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

BOCK’S BIG ACRE

Sponsored by St Mary Men’s Club
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

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

Small $4.00 Large $5.50

Wednesday, January 16
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

Small $4.00 Large $5.50

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

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

Small $4.00 Large $5.50

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

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

Small $4.00 Large $5.50

Any Dietary Concerns Contact:
Connie @ Salsarita’s 810-227-2572
Total Meals Ordered:
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JANUARY SALSARITA ORDER DUE 9:00 AM ON DECEMBER 21