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 20, 2018

Week –At – A - Glance

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| Friday, December 21, 2018 | ½ Day of School; noon dismissal  
                           | 7:30 Band  
                           | 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4  
                           | **January Salsarita Orders due by 9:00 am**  
                           | **January Latchkey schedules due**  
                           | 11:00 Christmas parties gr. K-8  
                           | Sports Eligibility Check |
| December 22,2018-January 2, 2019 | No School  
                           | **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** |
| Thursday, January 3, 2019  | Morning Prayer; Kindergarten  
                           | No Homework Help today  
                           | 3:15 Children’s Choir |
| Friday, January 4, 2019   | 7:30 Band  
                           | 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7  
                           | First Friday Food Drive  
<pre><code>                       | Popcorn Day $.50/bag |
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<p>| Saturday, January 5, 2019 | 10:00 Knights Sponsored Free Throw Contest ages 9 and up boys and girls |</p>
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| Monday, January 7, 2019 | - Morning Prayer; gr. 8  
                          | - 3:15-4:15 Homework Help  
                          | - 3:30 Super Builders Robotics |
| Tuesday, January 8, 2019 | - 7:30 Band  
                          | - Spirit Wear  
                          | - 4:30 Boys’ Basketball Home against Washtenaw Christian |
| Wednesday, January 9, 2019 | - 8:30 Elementary Mass; gr. 3  
                          | - Salsarita Lunch |
| Thursday, January 10, 2019 | - 8:00 PTC Meeting  
                          | - 3:15 Children’s Choir  
                          | - 3:15 Homework Help  
                          | - 8:00 Auction Meeting |
| Friday, January 11, 2019  | - 7:30 Band  
                          | - 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8  
                          | - **Eligibility Check**  
                          | - 6:00 St. Mary School Family Night Chili cook-off and fitness activity |

**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**

*Merry Christmas*
It was great to see such a fabulous turn out to our Christmas program on Tuesday evening. Thank you to all who baked goods for our Bake Sale and who purchased too!

**Congratulations:** The Knights of Columbus sponsored their annual Christmas poster contest. The theme this year was “Keeping Christ in Christmas”. After independent judging our winners were as follows for the third-fifth ages: first place: Trevor O’Donohue, second place: Kellen Green. For the middle school level, we had Mia Hilliard in first place and Olivia in second place. Congratulations to all of the children who worked so hard on their posters. It was very hard to make a decision. Thank you to the St. Mary Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this event.

**Congratulations** all of our Raffle Ticket winners:
Grand Prize: Darling Family, Second place: Jennifer Simpson (sold by Goff family), Third place: Meisner family, and Kinter Family, Fourth place: Tury family and Kinter family. Thank you for being so diligent in selling/purchasing your tickets. $5,000 of the profits will go into a tuition scholarship.

**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 the 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:**

**January 5th** Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Boys and Girls ages 9 and up in the school gym. 10:00 to 12:00

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

**January 12th** Boys’ Basketball Tournaments begin at St. Thomas and St. Paul

**January 15th** NWEA Winter Testing Begins

**January 18th** 7:00 Daddy Daughter Dance

**January 25th** Spelling Bee

**February 2nd** Auction Night “Under the Stars at the Country Fair”
February 15th 7:00 Mother Son Dance

The weather outside has been like a yo-yo. Please help your child to be ready for the crazy weather by having coats, snow pants, boots, gloves, and hat.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

5TH GRADE

Throughout this time of Advent, students in fifth grade have reflected on the words hope, peace, joy and love. Then they created a flipbook in Religion class that highlighted their writing each week. Students also recently celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation with Father Dan. Our latest writing topic focused on skydiving and the use of figurative language. In Social Studies, we just finished a chapter on the New England colonies. In Reading, we learned about the big race between the Union and Pacific Railroad, and building the Transcontinental Railroad, as we read the story Ten Mile Day by Mary Ann Fraser. We have completed the chapter on Number Theory and Fractions in Math. Students are looking forward to adding and subtracting fractions after the break. Finally, in Science students will be able to determine if mixing certain substances results in a chemical reaction. May God continue to bless you and your families as we prepare for the birth of our Savior.
Virtue of the Week

ORDERLINESS meaning: Keeping oneself physically clean and neat and one’s belongings in good order

LOOKS LIKE: Making your bed neatly, Organizing your dresser drawers, Throwing your garbage away, Cleaning your room, Brushing your teeth

SOUNDS LIKE: I made my bed. I organized my dresser drawers. We threw that garbage away. I put my things away. I cleaned my room. I brushed my teeth.

1 TIMOTHY 3:5

for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he care for God’s church?

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.

In the Old Testament reading, the people of Israel are promised a ruler who will stand firm with the strength of God. The prophet Micah, who is a great preacher of social justice, announces that the king who will rule in the line of David will come from the small insignificant place of Bethlehem-Ephratha. This promised ruler will shepherd the people.

In the gospel reading, Mary who is pregnant with Jesus travels to visit Elizabeth, who is also with child. We sense the expectancy of the journey and the excitement of the arrival when Mary greets Elizabeth. The infant in Elizabeth’s womb leaps for joy when she hears Mary’s greeting. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and she speaks a profound truth calling Mary blessed and the Mother of the Lord.

This gospel reading exposes the awesome mystery of the incarnation -- God made flesh in the birth of Jesus. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the gospel announces the great event of Christ’s coming in the flesh.

- Do you enjoy visiting friends or family members who live far away?
- Can you relate to the joy that Elizabeth felt when Mary visited her?
- What does the birth of Jesus mean to you?
- Are you ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas?

**The coming of Christ in the flesh**

During the season of Advent we focus on the coming of Christ. The four Sundays of Advent move from looking forward to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time when the Reign of God is fully established, to the coming of Christ in our midst proclaimed by John the Baptist. This fourth Sunday of Advent we focus on the coming of Christ in human flesh. We celebrate the birth of a Savior foretold by the prophets, Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace.

Jesus is both human and divine. The humanity of Jesus helps us to find the sacredness in our own humanness. In the person of Jesus, God and humankind come together in perfect unity.

- What can you do to spread the joy of the birth of Jesus this Christmas?
- What does the divinity of Jesus mean to you?
- What does the humanity of Jesus mean to 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
1st Prize Half the Pot
2nd Prize 2 Passes for One St Mary
Lenten Fish Dinner
3rd 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

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: __________
Total $$ Enclosed: __________ Check #: ___

JANUARY SALSARITA ORDER DUE 9:00 AM ON DECEMBER 21
It’s Coming . . .
Friday, January 18, 2019
St. Mary Catholic School

Daddy Daughter Dance

7:00pm - 10:00pm
$20 per couple ($10 per person),
$25 max per family
Admission includes snacks, refreshments and music
FREE unlimited Photo Booth for all!

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

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