

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

February 7, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, February 8, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8 ❖ 7th grade Retreat
Sunday, February 10, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 10:00 2nd Grade 1st Communion Meeting for Parents
Monday, February 11, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 3 ❖ 9:00 Dentist visit to Preschool and Kindergarten ❖ 3:30 Super Builders Robotics ❖ 3:30 Wellness Meeting ❖ Dress Down Day ❖ No Homework Help Today
Tuesday, February 12, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band ❖ Spirit Wear Day ❖ 4:30 Girls' Basketball at AA Christian
Wednesday, February 13, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 6 ❖ Salsarita Day ❖ 7:00 Parish SWOT meeting
Thursday, February 14, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 2:15 Valentine's Day Parties ❖ 3:30 Wildbots Robotics

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Friday, February 15, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7 ❖ 7:00 Mother Son Dance

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

Auction: Thank you so much for all of the hard work and time that everyone was able to give to help make the 22nd auction a huge success. *Special Thanks to Julie Flaherty and Jen Cooke for their time and dedication over the years leading this very important fundraiser for the school.* We are now in the lookout for new chair or co-chairs for next year. Please, please prayerfully consider taking this position on for next year.

Candy Grams: The 8th graders are selling Candy Grams for Valentine’s Day. A candy gram is a very large sucker with a “To and From” note attached. The cost is \$1.25. Eighth grade students will go to classrooms at the beginning of each day through February 13th to collect preorders. Students can order for themselves or for a friend. If parents would like to order a surprise candy gram for their child, send an envelope to the office with who and what grade along with the money. The Candy Grams will be delivered during the Valentine’s Day party on February 14th. If you are a preschool family, we would love for you to participate too. Orders will be given to Mrs. Stodart on February 14th in the afternoon.

The Diocese of Lansing Catholic School Scholarship: We have some great news to share. Using funds from our Diocesan Witness to Hope Campaign, Bishop Boyea has approved for next year:

- Expanding the diocesan grants to include all Catholic students in grades **Kindergarten through 12th grade.**
- \$750 k-8, \$1,000 9-12.

We will be using FACTS again for the 2019/2020 school year. The application can only be completed on line. There has been a couple changes. Parents must fill in the parish they belong to and a drop down list is available. 529 plan monies is available for catholic school tuition. Last year it was changed that families could use there 529 plan funds for private K-12 schools. FACTS will assess that 12% of those funds would be available for catholic schools.

For the 2019-2020 school year the application due date will be March 1, 2019. In order to apply for the DOL Grant and the Greater Lansing Catholic Education Fund Grant families will need to:

- Complete the F.A.C.T.S. application by March 1, 2019.
- Include a copy of your 2017 or 2018 tax returns and a copy or their 2018 W-2's
- Include the \$30.00 processing fee.

St. Mary School Scholarship is available in the school office.

Looking Ahead:

February 18th No School due to President's Day.

February 20th 6:30-7:30 ALL School Parent Meeting; Daycare provided by Mrs. Kinsey. We will do a SWOT analysis of the school; everyone's input is needed and greatly appreciated.

February 24th St. Mary Rollerama Skating Party 12:00-6:00 see below

February 27th Education Team Meeting

March 5th 2019-2020 Kindergarten Parent Meeting/sign up for Kindergarten Screening and Conference. 6:30 in the Kindergarten room.

March 18th Enrollment Current Families Preschool
No Kindergarten Classes today
Kindergarten Readiness Testing

March 20th Open Enrollment for Preschool

March 22nd St. Mary Scholarship Applications Due

March 22nd End of Third Marking Period

2019-2020 Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting will take place on Tuesday March 5 at 6:30. Parents will have an opportunity to meet Mrs. Long, find out about our Kindergarten program, and ask questions. Parents will also sign their child up for readiness testing and parent teacher conference that night.

2019-2020 Preschool Enrollment for current families will take place on Monday March 18. Open enrollment will take place on Wednesday, March 20. Registration packets will be available March 1, 2019. Parents must have all registration papers and deposit turned in to be completely registered and save their spot in the classroom. Children ages 3, 4, and 5 **MUST** be independent in the bathroom and completely out of diapers and pull-ups as we are licensed as a “Preschool” program and not a “daycare”.

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.

Thank you for all that you do to make St. Mary Catholic School a great place to be.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

KINDERGARTEN

It is hard to believe that we are already over ½ way to 1st grade! In Kindergarten, we have been busy learning about God’s love for us and why He calls Himself the Good Shepherd. We are learning about showing God’s love to others and showing virtues in our daily life.

In Reading, we just read a story called Now and Then. This story helped us learn about what life was like in the past. We learned about various things like phonographs, newspapers, landline phones, and washboards. This also tied into our Social Studies unit where we compared and contrasted these things to things we have in our lives now and talked about if life is easier or harder today than it was many years ago. We are continuing to learn sight words and are working hard to sound out words when we are writing. We also just started learning about sentences. We have learned that a sentence is a group of words that makes sense and tells us something.

Tomorrow will be our 100th day of school! We made shirts with 100 of something on them and we will wear them to celebrate. We will also celebrate by counting, writing about what we would do with \$100, what it will be like when we are 100 years old, and writing numbers to 100! We can't wait to celebrate!

In Math, we just started learning about addition. We are learning strategies to solve addition problems like counting up, drawing a picture, and using manipulatives. Soon we will be Math masters! We are learning so much!

Last week we had so much fun celebrating Catholic Schools Week! We had fun dressing in our PJs and Wild West attire! We also wanted to thank you for supporting our school and raising money at the auction to help us get new learning materials. Stop by to see some of our work hanging outside our classroom next time you are in the hallways!

PRESCHOOL

It is hard to believe we have entered the second half of the school year! What a wonderful journey it has been so far! The preschool children have already transformed in so many ways. They have developed great friendships and a hunger for learning.

We continue to work on basic concepts such as colors, shapes, size, physical attributes, textures, sequencing, quantities, opposites, rhyming and word association. We have also been working diligently on developing our fine motor skills by working on letter and number formation. We feel very proud when we can write our own name!

We will continue to explore our catholic faith through daily activities and projects. Religion is incorporated throughout the preschool day with books, prayer, conversations and in naturally occurring situations. Our curriculum, derived from; God Made the World, helps us to focus on some important key concepts.

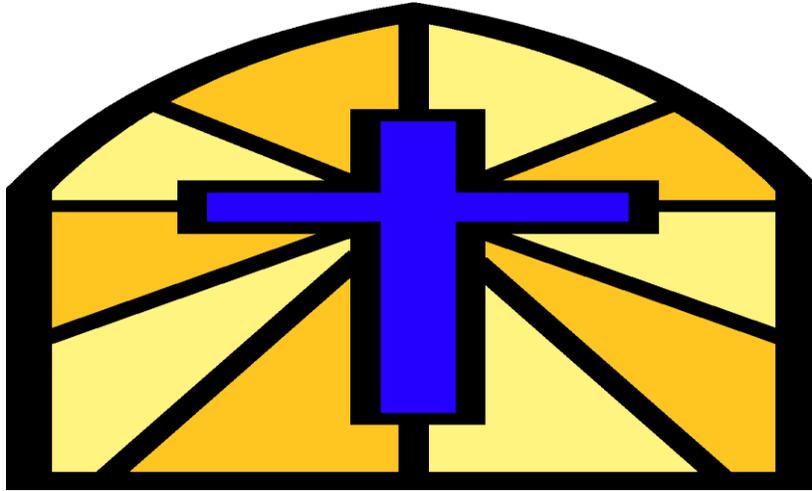
In January, we explored winter weather and focused on the concept “God Makes the Weather”. Currently, we are learning that “God Made Us to Be Happy”. At this point in the year, the students are able to make the Sign of the Cross, recite our morning and afternoon Prayer as well as Grace before meals. We will begin learning The Hail Mary next.

In honor of Catholic School’s Week, the preschool class participated in the themed days planned for the school. Even though we had a whirlwind of a week, with the bitter cold temperature and school cancellations, we still had a great time! The preschool students enjoyed Fitness Day and LOVED having the middle school students visit the classroom and teach them new exercises! We also managed to squeeze in a movie, popcorn, crazy sock day and Wild West wear! We are diving right into February as we celebrate three birthdays and two St. Valentine celebrations! The children will have fun making ice cream sundaes, creating their own Valentine snack mix and passing out Valentine cards to our friends!

I am confident the remainder of the school year will be filled with lots of learning and fun! Please be sure to check out our preschool artwork in the hall the next time you pass by!

Beth Stodart

Preschool Teacher and Director



FYI

Virtue of the Week

SELF-CONTROL meaning: Joyful mastery over one's passions and desires

LOOKS LIKE: Raising your hand before talking in class. Walking in a straight line, Keeping your hands to yourself, Not taking an extra cookie, Listening to others while they speak; not interrupting them

SOUNDS LIKE: I will raise my hand before I speak. Silence. I will keep my hands to myself. I will only take one cookie even if I want more than one. Silence. I will listen while you are speaking.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

Anti-Bullying tips for parents to teach their child by Jeff Veley. We have used his videos with the school children and they are informative and very helpful.

<https://www.jeffveley.com/free-video-training-delivery/>

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: February is National Heart Health month. Making sure your heart is in tip top shape is essential for living a healthy life. Get 30-60 minutes of physical activity most days of the week! This fills you with energy and makes your heart healthier.

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

Isaiah 6: -2a, 3-8 Luke 5:1-11

In the Old Testament reading, we see how God's revelation causes self-examination and remorse for one's sins. A person's encounter with God is shown in this reading as both terrifying and attractive. God assures the prophet that he is worthy of his calling to speak God's own words to the people. This brings forth a whole hearted response from the prophet, "Here I am; send me!"

In the Gospel Jesus calls Simon Peter to follow him. Like the prophet in the Old Testament reading, Peter is also sent out to speak the word of God to the people.

The setting for this Gospel is in a boat on a lake. It is a familiar setting for Peter. We hear that Peter has been trying to catch fish all day with nothing to show for it. Jesus enters Peter's boat and asks him to throw the net into the lake once again. Peter argues the point, yet he listens to Jesus. They let down the net and what a catch they have! The miraculous catch of fish is Peter's encounter with the presence of God. This encounter is so powerful that Peter gets on his knees before Jesus. Jesus tells Peter, "Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching people." Peter receives Jesus' call to discipleship. He leaves everything and follows Jesus.

- Why does Jesus tell Peter that instead of catching fish he will be catching people?
- What do these readings tell you about God's call?
- What do you think it means to leave everything and follow Jesus?

Jesus called others to follow him and take on his mission of spreading the good news of the kingdom of God to the world. Peter and others accepted his invitation. They told others about Jesus' life, his works, and the importance of the resurrection. Eventually, followers of Jesus wrote down the good news.

God's revelation to us is not just a long-ago event that focuses on the first disciples. Catholics believe that while nothing is added to the content of God's revelation through Jesus Christ, the mystery of God's presence is unfolded

throughout our lives today. God continues to speak to us through Scripture and Tradition. From the apostles we have inherited the sacred deposit of faith, contained in Scripture and Tradition. Tradition is “everything that serves to make the People of God live their lives in holiness and increase their faith.”

- What helps to increase your faith in God?
- How is the Catholic faith passed on to you?
- When do you listen to the good news about Jesus?
- When do you tell others the good news about Jesus?

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

QUARTER TWO

HIGH HONORS

John Westerberg

Zach Anderson

Patrick Burke

Nathaniel Garbarz

Raphaella Gonzalez

HONORS

Joe Burke

Zach deBeauclair

Evan Marshke

Finnegan Beecher

Mea Hilliard

Paulina O'Donohue

Erin Stuk

Rhett Vanderwal

Connor Burke

Trenten Caldie

Charles Connelly

Olivia Domen

Sean Flaherty

Alex McGlade

St. Mary School

Rollarama

Skating Party

Sunday – February 24th

12:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

***Mention St. Mary School at Check-in
to receive the discounted price of
\$10.00 per person (skates included)**

ZAP ZONE LASER TAG AVAILABLE

\$8 per game

Bring your friends!

St. Mary Parish

Men's Club Presents

FRIDAY FISH DINNER



Serving From
4:00-7:00 PM

MENU

- Baked or Beer Battered Fried Fish
- Choice of Potato (French Fries, Scalloped or Baked)
- Beets, Cole Slaw
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cut Veggies, Jell-O
- Homemade Rolls
- Homemade Desserts
- Milk, Coffee, Tea, Punch

For Our Younger
Guests



Individual Size
Cheese Pizza

Join us each Friday during Lent

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

Adults \$10.00 Seniors \$9.00

Children \$5.00 (Under Age 12)

Family \$35.00 (Immediate Family Only)

Take-outs Available!

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There's always time for CHILI ...

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**CHILI
SOCIAL**



- ✦ **Serving from 6:00pm to 7:30pm (right after 5pm Mass)**
- ✦ **Various types of chili to accommodate all tastes**
- ✦ **Free-will donations gladly accepted**

This community activity
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