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

January 17, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

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| Friday, January 18, 2019 | 7:30 Band  
                         | 8:30 All School Mass; gr.7  
                         | ½ Day of School/Dismissal at 12:00 (Afternoon Latchkey available)  
                         | End of 2nd Quarter  
                         | Assembly for 3-8 Buzz about Bees  
                         | **Eligibility Check**  
                         | 7:00 Daddy Daughter Dance |
| Monday, January 21, 2019 | **NO SCHOOL; MLK DAY**  
                         | **Auction Work day 10:00-3:00 w/ child care provided see below** |
| Tuesday, January 22, 2019 | 7:30 Band  
                         | Spirit Wear Day  
                         | Morning Prayer; gr. 6  
                         | **Ham Slider Lunch $ due $2.00; see below**  
                         | 3:30 Wildbots Robotics |
| Wednesday, January 23, 2019 | 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 5  
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<p>| Thursday, January 24, 2019  | <strong>Dress Down Day $1.00</strong> |</p>
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**Friday, January 25, 2019**

**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**

**Current 8th Grade Parents:** Father Dan will be announcing after each Mass this weekend about a Confirmation Meeting for January 27. St. Mary School 8th graders and parents DO NOT need to attend. Our students are getting all that they currently need during the school day. Sarah Salow, Director of Religious Education, will have a meeting in April/May that will include our students.

**Auction news!** Under the Stars at the Country Fair  Save the date - Saturday, February 2, 2019 – for our 22nd Annual Auction. Join us for a night under the stars at the country fair. This shindig will include silent and live auctions and the best BBQ this side of the Mississippi. Grab your partner! Come, invite your friends and family, support the school, and have a great time! Don’t miss out!

**Pure Michigan:** 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....

January 21 is an Auction work day. The kids have the day off of school but Mrs. Kinsey will be here to help watch over children from 10:00-2:30 as parents work together in the auction room to help get things ready for the big
night. Students should bring gear for outside and if there is snow bring sleds! We will be inside and outside during the day. Bring a lunch, water bottle, a favorite book, and a blanket too! (Any high school students who need service hours are welcome to come and help where needed!)

**Basket Making:** Are you creative or even if you’re not you can still help put baskets together. It’s fun! Bring a friend and work together! Look at the sign up below for details. See below for some baskets already made!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849abad22ab9-auction](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849abad22ab9-auction)

**Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Auction Week: Set-Up, Auction Night, Clean Up (Jan 31, Feb 1, and Feb 2nd):** All hands on deck for these days! We need all families to participate in any way that you can. Maybe you have older students who need service hours; they are welcome to come help too! Please see the link below for possible ways that you can help.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849abad22ab9-anevening](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090849abad22ab9-anevening)

**We love our Auction sponsors!** Our sponsors include: Lakeland ACE Hardware, Sound Financial, Hamburg Laser Dental, Mr. Muffler in Howell, and Lavey Insurance. Big thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors! Please use them for your needs and mention St. Mary School when you do!

**Daddy Daughter Dance:** This dance will take place on Friday, January 18th at 7:00pm. If you would like to donate goodies for the evening, please bring them to the school office by the end of the school day at 12:00 when you pick up your students.

**School Safety Grant:** The Security Film is in the final stages of being installed on all of the school outside doors around the building. The **video buzzer at the front door** (the parish is purchasing one too) is being installed and should be finished this week. The trauma kits for hallways, office, and classrooms have been ordered. 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.

**Front Door Buzzer System:** Beginning some time on Thursday, January 17, you will need to buzz the front door to gain access to the school building during the school day. During the beginning of school and during pick up, the doors will be unlocked and you will be able to come into the school without the
buzzer. Reminder that the parish end is also getting a buzzing system. You will need to be “buzzed in” during the weekday to get into the parish as well.

**The Diocese of Lansing Catholic School Scholarship**: 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 will be available in February.**

**Looking Ahead:**
**January 18th** End of the 2nd Marking Period. Half day of school

**January 25th** Lunch: Hawaiian Roll Ham Sliders (2), Fruit cocktail, and Carrots w/ranch on side cost $2.00. Please send the money in an envelope with your child’s name on the outside labeled Ham Slider Lunch by Tuesday, January 22nd. Provided by Altar Society/Cathy Phipps

**January 27th Sunday at the 11:30 Mass**: St. Mary Students grades K-8 will be working together to help Father Dan celebrate Mass. We will be asking students to come and take on the different duties and to shine before all of the parishioners as we give praise to God. Our students are awesome at Mass and do a very good job at all of the different tasks. Students will also get a chance to sing in the choir during this time if they wish. There will be a 1 hour practice after school on Thursday, January 24 from 3:15-4:15. Please see/call/email Mrs. Kinsey if your student(s) will be available to help us celebrate this Mass. She will also be reaching out to different families if spots are not filled.

**January 30th** Open House for perspective new families 6:00-7:30. Spread the word. Keep in mind that you will receive $500 off your tuition for any new family that you refer to our school who stays at our school for a full year.
February 2nd Auction Night “Under the Stars at the Country Fair”

February 15th 7:00 Mother Son Dance

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

3rd Grade

Happy New Year from the third grade! We are so astounded that the school year is half over already! We are busy learning our uppercase cursive letters. Soon we will be able to write more assignments in cursive writing.

In Religion, we are learning about how Jesus cured people and brought them back to life as a sign of the new life he brings us. Jesus’ healings truly announced that the Kingdom of God was at hand. We are learning about all
the different ways that verbs are used in Grammar. In Reading, we just finished Charlotte’s Web. After watching the movie, we are now writing compare/contrast papers. In Social Studies, we are discussing different regions and their characteristics. Animals are the main topic in Science. Did you know that Lamprey eels have no jaws? They have a mouth like a straw with teeth inside to suck up prey or to suck blood! In Math, we are just about to start on statistics and probability. This includes reading graphs, plots, and making predictions.

**FYI**

**Virtue of the Week**

**INDUSTRIOUSNESS meaning:** Diligence, especially in work that leads to natural and supernatural maturity

**LOOKS LIKE:** Diligently completing a task, Diligently working on your math, Trying to stay focused on your reading, Working to complete your duties, Diligently completing your homework

**SOUNDS LIKE:** I will get this done. Let me finish this first. I will finish my math. I will go to a quiet place so that I can concentrate on what I am reading. I will finish studying for my test. I need to stay focused and finish my homework.
NEHEMIAH 4:15–17

When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail; and the leaders stood behind all the house of Judah, who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were laden in such a way that each with one hand labored on the work and with the other held his weapon.

Spelling Bee News: Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners. Students from grades 4-8 competed in a classroom spelling bee to determine who would compete in the school wide spelling bee. The top three from each class competed on Friday, January 11th. The first place winner from grades 4-6 was Isabella Wittrup with the runner up Patrick Burke. The first place winner for grades 7-8 was Paulina O'Donohue with the runner up Joe Burke. First place winners will travel to St. Mary Charlotte this Saturday to compete in the diocese wide spelling bee. Good luck! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who sponsored this event.
Boys’ Basketball: As our season comes to an end, I would like to thank our coaches John Goff, and Tim Burke for all of their time and dedication to our players. Thank you for extending their learning of teamwork and being a team player that is stressed at school to the basketball court.

ALSO, a big thank you to Pam and Scott McGlade. Scott has been our Athletic Director for many years working behind the scenes scheduling games and refs and working with all of the schools we play. Pam has helped out at games and with concession sign ups along with many other things that I’m sure I am unaware of. Thank you for all of your time!

Catholic Schools Week is coming. We have planned lots of great activities for the children during this week. Wednesday, January 30 will be WILD WEST WEDNESDAY in honor of our Auction theme of a country fair. Students can dress in their “country” clothes or come dressed for the Wild West! Start planning now so you can be ready to dress for the occasion!

We will kick off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 27 at the 11:30 Mass with students performing the different ministries. Monday will be Random Fitness Day with Spirit Wear. Tuesday will be PJ and Reading Day. Wednesday is Wild West Wednesday as we dress in our western wear. Our Middle school will play a basketball game of 8th gr. vs 6/7 in the gym at 2:30 if you want to come cheer the teams on. We will also have an Open House from 6:00-7:30. Thursday is crazy socks and board game day. Wear your favorite socks while playing your favorite board game. Friday will be Kale salad taste testing at lunch with movie and popcorn some time during the day.

National Geography Bee: Students in grades 6-8 competed in the National Geography Bee on Monday. Students took a written test to determine who would participate in the official bee. Ten students competed in an “Official Geography Bee” in front of their peers. They were each asked questions one at a time. The final winner was 8th grader Nicholas Marcicky. Nick will take a written test that will go to the National Geography Bee headquarters to be graded at the state level. Good Luck Nick.

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:** Eating breakfast can help you do better in school because it increases your attention span and memory, gives you more energy, and allows you to feel less irritable and restless. Make sure your family eats breakfast every day!

**Donations for Dominican Republic Mission Trip:** The preschool class would like to invite all of our school families to help us as we collect supplies for Debbie Coffelt as she takes off on her 10th annual trip to the Dominican Republic. Her group is working in partnership with Building Bridges of Hope, an organization run by her daughter. We are collecting over-the-counter medications and medical supplies (ie; band-aids, cough syrup, Neosporin, motrin, etc.). We are especially in need of children’s vitamins (NO GUMMIES please). If you are interested in donating supplies, there is a tub located outside of the preschool classroom. THANK YOU!

**WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAY FOR THIS TO PAY FOR THE LUGGAGE THAT WILL CARRY THE ITEMS DONATED: JANUARY 24 $1.00**

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

Isaiah 62:1-5  John 2:1-11

The Old Testament reading was written after Israel’s return from exile in Babylon. Because the people of Israel were uncertain about their future, the prophet writes to reassure them that Jerusalem will be restored to a place of honor. God’s promise of faithfulness is renewed. This reading is full of marital imagery. Israel is described as the spouse in whom God delights. The people are assured that God’s love is everlasting.

In this gospel Jesus reveals his glory at a wedding celebration in Cana. Jesus attends a wedding feast with his mother and his disciples. During the celebration Jesus’ mother notices that there is no more wine. Knowing that this will embarrass the bride and groom, she brings the situation to her son’s attention. Jesus listens to his mother. Even though he tells her that his time has not yet come, Jesus tells the servers to fill the jars with water. The water is then transformed into wine and the celebration goes on. This gospel describes
the first of Jesus’ signs that he is the Messiah. As a result of the miracle at Cana, the disciples believe in Jesus.

- What do two people celebrate when they get married?
- Why does Jesus think it is important to help the bride and groom?
- What signs of God’s love do you see each day?

Love is our source of happiness and fulfillment. Love comes from God. The Catholic Church teaches that because married couples love each other, they reflect the love of God. Marriage is not simply a human institution, it is part of God’s plan in creation. Jesus confirmed the goodness of love in marriage by his presence at the wedding in Cana.

Marriage is a sacrament when two baptized persons freely enter into a lifelong bond of faithful love. When two people are united in this way, they are graced with the presence of God. It is the love and grace of God that helps married couples to love one another.

- How can married couples be a sign of God’s love?
- Why is marriage part of God’s plan in creation?
- How does Jesus help us to love one another?
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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
St. Mary Parish
Men's Club Presents
THE SEASON BEGINS!
Breakfast with
“PAWS”

Sunday February 3, 2019
From 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds to Help Support
St Mary School

ARIA’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!

“PAWS”
Detroit’s Favorite Mascot
Will be joining us from 10-11am!

Multi Chance Raffle adds to the Fun!

St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd - (734) 878-3161
“Blueberries from Saugatuck Basket”
“Handyman Special Basket”
“Tailgate “Basket”
“Tiger Baseball Basket”