

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 31, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, February 1, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5 ❖ Wild West Day, Game Day, and Crazy Sock Day!!! ❖ Movie Day ❖ First Friday Food Drive: Souper Bowl donations; which team will win? You decide w/your donation ❖ Popcorn Day \$.50 bag ❖ Kale Salad Taste Testing at lunch ❖ Salsarita Lunch (rescheduled)
Saturday, February 2, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 6:00 Auction Day; Under the Stars at the Country Fair!
Sunday, February 3, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Men's Club Breakfast w/ PAWS money earned goes to school
Monday, February 4, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 4 ❖ Dress Down Day \$1 for Building Bridges of Hope
Tuesday, February 5, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band ❖ 4:30 Girls' Basketball home

	❖ 6:00-7:30 Open House Re-Scheduled! Spread the Word
Wednesday, February 6, 2019	❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 4 ❖ Salsarita Day ❖ 7:00 Finance Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2019	❖ 3:30 Wildbots Robotics ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir, Chess, and Homework Help ❖ 4:30 Girls' Basketball at SSA Plymouth
Friday, February 8, 2019	❖ 7:30 Band ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8 ❖ 7 th grade Retreat

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 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!

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>

We love our Auction sponsors! Our Platinum Sponsors are: Display Max, Pinckney Chrysler, Desserts By Randy, Boullion Sales, and Assemblers

Inc. Our Gold Sponsors are: Lakeland ACE Hardware. Our Silver Sponsors are: Lakeland Chiropractic, Lavey Insurance, Hamburg Laser Dentistry, Mr. Muffler, and Robinson Fence. Please patronize them, and mention the auction when you do. Big thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors! Please use them for your needs and mention St. Mary School when you do!

Live auction highlights: Check out these great items for the live auction:

- Thanksgiving in Orlando, in a gorgeous condo, just minutes away from Downtown Disney and Sea World!
- Whole Hog, ready for your freezer. Consider splitting with another family, or enjoy the whole hog! Mrs. Kinsey gets her hog from this family and it is always delicious! She highly recommends this item!
- Higgins Lake Cottage for a week in the summer
- Orthodontic package worth \$2500. A beautiful smile can change your life!
- Tickets to the Lions Thanksgiving Day football game, near the 50 yard line
- Four tickets to the Detroit Tigers opening day baseball game
- Justin Timberlake will rock the house on 3/26 at Little Caesar's Arena – 6 tickets plus a limo ride! Gotta love this package for sure!
- African Safari – 6 days/6 nights, wild game viewing activities, luxurious accommodations, and meals prepared by the finest international chefs
- Mrs. Kinsey's VIP student of the day – always a hot item with the kids!

- Mrs. Kinsey will come to your house and make cut out cookies with your children while you go out on a date!

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.

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 will be available in February.

Looking Ahead:

February 2nd Auction Night "Under the Stars at the Country Fair"

February 15th 7:00 Mother Son Dance

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 27th Education Team Meeting

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

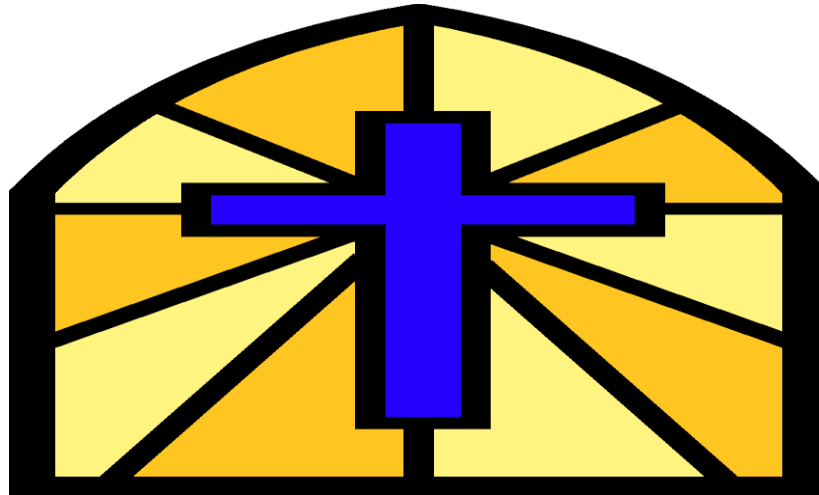
CLASSROOM NEWS

1ST GRADE

We have been working very hard and having a lot of fun in 1st Grade. In Religion, we are learning how Jesus, who healed and forgave people, asks us to show His love today. The students came up with many great examples of how they can spread love. We have been enjoying the stories about different communities in our current reading unit. It has been fun comparing how different communities work together and depend on one another. In math we are practicing new strategies to help us memorize our addition and subtraction facts while also learning about place value. Our writing this month has focused on winter and snow. Come and check out our snow globes and paragraphs describing what it would be like to live in a snow globe.

Our class has been very excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We enjoyed dressing in our pajamas and sharing our favorite books with one another. On Friday, we will gather with the kindergarten and second grade to watch ‘The Star’, a movie that portrays the first Christmas.

We look forward to learning many more new things throughout the second half of the school year.



FYI

Virtue of the Week

RESPONSIBILITY meaning: Fulfilling one's just duties; accepting the consequences of one's words and actions, intentional and unintentional

LOOKS LIKE: Keeping your room clean, Feeding your pet, Taking out the garbage, Bringing your folder to school each day, Taking your homework home

SOUNDS LIKE: I cleaned my room. I fed the dog. I took out the garbage. I remembered to bring my folder to school. I brought my homework home.

GENESIS 29:1-3

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and lo, three flocks of sheep lying beside it; for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place upon the mouth of the well.

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: Wash your hands before eating! Germs, which can make you sick, are spread more easily from your hands, than say, your lips. When you have a cold, keep your hands clean!

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; bandaids, 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: February 4th \$1.00

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

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 Luke 4:21-30

In the Old Testament reading, we hear God's call of an individual to be a prophet. The call begins with God who knows the prophet even before he is born. Being born a prophet does not come without cost. The reading warns that people may fight against what is good. God encourages the prophet to speak the truth, to be strong and trust in God. God promises to give the prophet strength to stand up against all adversaries. This reading points out the call of God and not on the response of the prophet. This focuses our attention on God's role in the encounter.

In this Gospel we are struck by the angry response of the people to Jesus' claim that he has come to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah. The life-giving truth that Jesus has to tell is not accepted in his hometown. At first the listeners are amazed by Jesus' words. But they soon begin to question Jesus' claim asking, "Is not this Joseph's son?" Jesus makes the point that no prophet is accepted

in the prophet's hometown. In this passage Luke presents a basic truth about the prophetic ministry of Jesus. In reaching out to the Gentiles who are most in need of salvation, Jesus encountered resistance from his fellow Jews. But Jesus endured and continued steadfastly on his way. The point is that all followers of Christ are called to make what is often the unpopular choice of standing up for the outcast in the face of opposition. This is the baptismal call of the prophet. To persevere and rely on the power of God.

- ❖ Why is it sometimes difficult to stand up for what you believe to be right?
- ❖ When standing up for what is right, where can you find courage and strength?
- ❖ How would you describe a prophet?

Prophets speak the word of God. In Israel's history, prophets played a much-needed role in restoring the faith of the people. The prophets spoke on behalf of God. Some examples of Old Testament prophets are Moses, Elijah, Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. God anointed Jesus for his mission as priest, prophet, and king. Jesus is the Word of God, fulfilling God's message of love and concern for the world.

Catholics believe that through our baptism in Christ, we are called to be prophets -- to spread the good news, speak the truth, and be a force for justice and peace in the world. It is difficult to stand up for what is right and true if we do not believe in ourselves or trust in God. Our identity as prophets helps us to embrace the task of building a better world. We can work for peace, and stand up for those who are rejected with confidence that God is with us. In God we find the strength, courage, and conviction to live as prophets in the world.

- ❖ What injustice in the world would you like to speak out against?
- ❖ Where can you go for the help you need to take a stand for something you believe in?
- ❖ How does your baptism help you to be a prophet in the world?

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

Tigers.

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!



"PAWS"

Detroit's
Favorite Mascot"
Will be joining us
from 10-11am!



Multi Chance Raffle adds to
the Fun!

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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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