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 21, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

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| Friday, February 22, 2019 | ✤ 7:30 Band
 ✤ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6
 ✤ 9:00 March Salsarita Lunch $ due
 ✤ Special Pot Pie Soup Lunch
 ✤ 12:00 6th grade Retreat |
| Sunday, February 24, 2019 | ✤ **12:00-6:00 School Rollerama Skating Party**, see below for details |
| Monday, February 25, 2019 | ✤ Morning Prayer; gr. 1
 ✤ Preschool Tour: Freeland Family
 ✤ 3:30 5th gr. CPR Class
 ✤ 3:30 Super Builders Robotics |
| Tuesday, February 26, 2019| ✤ **Spirit Wear Day**
 ✤ 7:30 Band
 ✤ 4:30 Girls’ Basketball against Steiner |
| Wednesday, February 27, 2019 | ✤ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 8
 ✤ Salsarita Day
 ✤ 6:00 Education Team Meeting |
| Thursday, February 28, 2019 | ✤ 3:15 Children’s Choir, Chess, and Homework Help, Wildbots’ Robotics |
Friday, March 1, 2019

- 4:30 Girls’ Basketball at Emerson
- 7:30 Band
- 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4
- First Friday Food Drive
- Popcorn Day $.50/bag
- Diocesan Scholarship Application for K-12 students due

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

2019-2020 Enrollment: Families will be automatically re-enrolled in grades Kindergarten to Seventh grade for next year UNLESS you notify the school office by March 15th. Enrollment fees will be billed to family accounts starting April 1 or 15 depending on when you chose to be your billing date. Families will receive 2 tuition statements in April. Please write two separate checks for that billing period. One check for the current school year with your account number on it and one check for the enrollment fees with that account number on it. Remember they change the account number from year to year so be sure to check the account number to avoid SMART charging a late fee.

MRS. SMITH HAS MANY JUMPERS OF VARYING SIZES IN THE OFFICE FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE HAVE ONE OR TWO. (Grades K-3)

Auction Garage Sale: We are having an auction garage sale to clear out left over items in the auction room. A Week’s worth of Dress Down Passes for your children will be a great prize to have!

Auction Dress Down Day Passes will be used April 1-5, 2019!

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 online. 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.

THANK YOU to all who were able to come out Wednesday night for the SWOT analysis of the school. There was a great turn out of new families to families that have been around the school for many years. A lot of great information was provided. We will be processing the information and then getting together at least one more time to work on this a bit more.

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

March 6th $ due for Healthy Schools Lunch (see below for details)

March 11th Healthy Schools Salad Lunch $2.50

March 18th Enrollment for 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

March 24th School lead Mass during the 9:00am Mass. This was a big hit at the last school Mass in January. I am looking for children of all ages to take on the different parts of the Mass. Please let Mrs. Kinsey know if your child is interested. (Ushers, gifts, choir, readers, petitions, altar servers, opening presenter, and little ones to carry up flowers)

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” program.

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.

God is good to give us beautiful sunshine in February! We have been really enjoying our time to play outside and soak up some vitamin D naturally and get rid of the excess energy that has been stored up this winter.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

8TH GRADE

Happy Winter from the 8th grade!
We have just completed our Candy Gram fundraiser and due to the snow days find that we have suckers left to sell. They will be sold daily for a $1.00. Please help us recover from the snow days!

In Religion, we just finished our Saints Panel Presentation. We are studying the Church in the Middle Ages. Next we will be studying the Protestant Reformation.

In Social Studies, we are studying the events leading to the Civil War. We will be having a simulation on the Civil War soon.

In Literature the class will be giving speeches on the Saving the Wetlands as a response to the story "Saving the Wetlands". We will be reading a story called "Raymond's Run" which focuses on characterization. Soon the class will begin their research papers.

The Seventh grade will be presenting European Portfolio's next week.

Thanks for your support during our Candy Gram fundraiser.

Mrs. Mable and the Eighth Grade
**Virtue of the Week**

**COURTESY meaning:** Treating other people with respect, recognizing that all are made in God’s image and likeness

**LOOKS LIKE:** Letting others go first. Letting others speak first. Making eye contact. Holding the door for another. Picking up a dropped item for someone

**SOUNDS LIKE:** You can go ahead of me. You can ask your question first. Silence. Let me hold the door for you. Let me get this for you.

**JOHN 20:2–6**

So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

**Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip:** Whole grains contain important antioxidants that are not found in fruits and vegetables, as well as Vitamins B, E, magnesium, iron and fiber. Eat some whole grains every day!

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

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  Luke 6:27-38

In this Old Testament reading, David chooses to spare his enemy from destruction. There is no hint of vengeance or hatred in the description of David’s treatment of Saul. We only hear that David relies on God to reward those who are righteous and faithful. David’s respect for the king is founded on the fact that, even with all of his faults, Saul is still the Lord’s anointed. David’s personal qualities are admirable. He does not take advantage of Saul’s vulnerability. Instead, David offers forgiveness when his enemy is defenseless.

In this gospel Jesus presents a remarkable vision of love. It is a vision that moves beyond loving only those who love us in return. Jesus challenges his followers to love their enemies and do good expecting nothing in return.
According to Jesus, God sets the standard of how we treat our enemies. And that standard includes acting merciful and extending forgiveness even toward the undeserving. This teaching was unconventional for it’s time and it continues to challenge followers of Jesus today.

Jesus taught love of enemies with his actions as well as his words. Jesus’ entire life and ultimately his death modeled a self-giving love offered to all. Jesus offered forgiveness to the very ones who were persecuting him. The love and forgiveness that Jesus extended was given freely for the salvation of all humanity.

- What do today’s readings tell us about how to treat our enemies?
- What do we learn from television and the movies about how to treat our enemies?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to forgive those who hurt us?

Love of Enemies

In this Sunday’s gospel we find that Jesus’ commandment to love God and neighbor extends to include love for one’s enemies. As followers of Jesus we are to love God and love all people. This includes those whom we consider our “enemies.”

Violence and hatred were directed at Jesus. Those who mocked him and put him to death saw Jesus as “the enemy.” Jesus forgave his “enemies,” and by his sacrifice all people are reconciled with God.

We all need to stand up for ourselves when we are being harmed or mistreated. However, as followers of Christ we are called to seek non-violent ways of dealing with conflict. We are given the ability to offer love to the undeserving and expect nothing in return when we turn to love’s Source. Love for one’s enemies requires reliance upon the grace of God.

- How can Jesus help you to forgive those who hurt you?
- Are you able to do good things without expecting anything in return?
- Name some people that you know or that you have heard about who have shown love for their enemies.
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!
Healthy Schools
Salad Lunch
Monday, March 11th
Cost $2.50
Romaine Lettuce
Grilled Chicken
Other toppings: Shredded Cheese, Shredded Carrots, Cucumbers and Croutons

Order by Wednesday, March 6th
See order form below
Healthy School Salad Lunch

Date: Monday, March 11

Romaine Lettuce with grilled chicken

Other toppings available: shredded cheese, cucumbers, shredded carrots
And croutons.

Dressing options: Ranch and Italian

Name:_____________________________________________Grade:_________

Money due by Wednesday, March 6
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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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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St. Mary Pinckney
Knights of Columbus
Council # 11761

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St. Mary Parish

Men’s Club Presents

COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST

Sunday March 3, 2019
From 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds to be used for New Parish Sign

50/50 Raffle

1ST Prize Half the POT!

Two Chances - 2nd Prize
1 Pass for 2 to Any

ST MARY LENTEN FISH DINNER

AREA’S BEST MENU!

Eggs - Scrambled or Fried
Hash Brown Potatoes
Homemade Biscuits
Sausage Gravy
Quiche, Pancakes
French Toast
Raisin French Toast
Ham
Pork Sausage Links
Toast-Regular & Raisin
Coffee, Tea, Milk, & Orange Juice

And of Course the Waffle Station!
Happy St Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 9, 2019 / 6 to 11pm

ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER DANCE

St. Mary Pinckney Catholic Church
10601 Dexter Pinckney Road

Complete Dinner... Corned Beef & Cabbage with Carrots, Potatoes and Dessert
Open Bar: Beer, Wine, Soda
Music & Dancing - Door Prizes
FREE unlimited Photo Booth for all!

TICKETS: Call 734.904.6247 or purchase online at PinckneyKnights.org

$20 per person in advance · $25 at the door

Cash, checks and credit cards cheerfully accepted.

ACT SOON...
ONLY 150 TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE!