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 28, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

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| Friday, March 1, 2019 | 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 |
| Monday, March 4, 2019 | Morning Prayer; gr. K  
                                  3:15 Homework Help  
                                  3:30 Super Builders Robotics |
| Tuesday, March 5, 2019| 7:30 Band  
                                  4:30 Girls’ Basketball at St. Paul  
                                  **6:30 2019-2020 Kindergarten Parent Meeting** |
| Wednesday, March 6, 2019 | 8:30 Ash Wednesday: All School Mass; gr. 7 please join us  
                                  Salsarita Day  
                                  $2.50 Healthy School lunch $ due see below for details |
| Thursday, March 7, 2019| 3:15 Children’s Choir, Homework Help, and Wildbots’ Robotics  
                                  3:15 Chess; last class for year |
Friday, March 8, 2019

- 4:30 Girls’ Basketball home against Washtenaw Christian
- 7:00 Finance Meeting

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

YES, we will be walking in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Pinckney on March 16. Please gather at the Pinckney Cemetery located by the old Pinckney Elementary no later than 11:30. The parade kicks off at 12:00. We will walk to the Pinckney Park. Parents can either walk with us or pick up your child(ren) at the playground directly after the parade.

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 for April. One for this year’s tuition and one for registration fees for next year. 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.

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

St. Mary School Scholarship is available in the school office. Applications are due back to the school no later than Friday, March 22, 2019. All applications are kept in strictest confidence.
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.

Families of Band Students: Gentle reminder that Band students should be at the school at 7:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays. Class begins promptly at 7:40. By the time they drop things off at their classroom and get their instrument set they really need those 10 minutes. Please make every effort to have your student here at 7:30. Thank you Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Kinsey

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

March 6\textsuperscript{th} $ due for Healthy Schools Lunch (see below for details)

March 8\textsuperscript{th} – April 12\textsuperscript{th} Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:50

March 11\textsuperscript{th} Healthy Schools Salad Lunch $2.50

March 18\textsuperscript{th} Enrollment for Current Families: Preschool
No Kindergarten Classes today
Kindergarten Readiness Testing

March 20\textsuperscript{th} Open Enrollment for Preschool

March 22\textsuperscript{nd} St. Mary Scholarship Applications Due

March 22\textsuperscript{nd} End of Third Marking Period

March 24\textsuperscript{th} 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)

MAY 17\textsuperscript{th} 7:30 am Donuts w/Grandparents, Candle and Ribbon Ceremony, Spring Music Concert

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 while getting rid of the excess energy that has been stored up this winter.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

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**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**7TH GRADE**

Hello from the seventh grade!

We can’t believe how quickly this year is flying by! We continue to learn about Jesus’ life on earth, and all the ways he taught us about the kingdom of God. We have just finished learning about the ways he heals us, especially in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. We also learned that we can be healers to others, by our kind acts and charity. In math, we are working with percents. We now know how to figure out the tip when we go out to eat with our families! In life science, we are learning about adaptations that animals have, and how those adaptations help with survival. Next, we’ll study adaptations in plants. In social studies, we are studying southern Europe. We are excited to have selected our countries for our portfolio projects. In the language arts, we are writing our “I Am” poems, and we are learning to write
effective sentences. Our class will be serving at the all-school Mass next week on Ash Wednesday; please join us as we begin our Lenten journey.

FYI

Virtue of the Week

CIRCUMSPECTION meaning: Careful consideration of circumstances and consequences

LOOKS LIKE: Pausing to think, Thinking before acting, Praying before acting, Asking for advice from an older, trusted person

SOUNDS LIKE: I should wait before I respond. Let me think about that. Jesus, help me to do what you would do. May I ask you for advice about something? Let me think about what I should do.

PSALM 31:2–6

Incline thy ear to me, rescue me speedily! Be thou a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! Yea, thou art my rock and my fortress; for thy name’s sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net which is hidden for me, for thou art my refuge. Into thy hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O
LORD, faithful God. Thou hatest those who pay regard to vain idols; but I trust in the LORD.

**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.**


The Gospel reading from Luke contains two parables from the Sermon on the Plain. These two parables make the same point about the importance of Jesus’ disciples living exemplary lives in accord with his teaching. The admonition about blindness is important for those whose example will influence others. Otherwise, one risks the catastrophe of falling into a ditch. The second example is the absurdity of an unnoticed plank hanging from one’s eye. The basis of Christian morality is the teaching and example of Jesus. Each of us is called to show others the way by listening to Jesus and putting his words into action.

- What is the connection between the way a person behaves and their values?
- Why does Jesus say “You hypocrite!”?
- Discuss the phrase “from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

God calls everyone to make good choices and to live holy lives. Conscience is one of the many gifts that God gives us to help us live holy lives. Conscience helps you know and judge what is right and wrong. We train our conscience correctly by praying, reading the Bible, learning the teachings of the Church, and asking people for good advice.

An examination of conscience is an ancient and proven spiritual discipline that helps us to discern where and when we have loved God and others through word and action as well as where and when we have fallen short of loving God and others.

- Why is it important to form our conscience?
- What are some ways to help us form our conscience?
- What are some things you can do when you are faced with temptations?

**Sacrament Connection**
God gives every person the gift of a conscience. Conscience is the ability to judge when an action is right or wrong. An examination of conscience is thinking about your words and deeds in the light of the Gospel to see how you may have sinned. It is a way to prepare for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.
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                  Cost: $2.50

Romaine Lettuce with grilled chicken

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

Dressing options: Ranch and Italian

Name:_____________________________________________Grade:_________

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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!

WE NOW ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD, AND AMERICAN EXPRESS!

St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd - 734-878-3161
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 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
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 11 pm

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!

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