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.

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**MARIAN MESSENGER**

**March 14, 2019**

**Week –At – A - Glance**

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| **Friday, March 15, 2019** | 7:30 Band  
8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8  
2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 7  
JV Girls’ Basketball Tournament at Washtenaw Christian Time TBD  
Used Book Sale $.25 each or 5/$1.00 |
| **Saturday, March 16, 2019** | 11:30/11:45 St. Patrick Day Parade; see below |
| **Monday, March 18, 2019**   | NO KINDERGARTEN CLASSES  
Kindergarten Screening  
Morning Prayer; gr. 7  
11:00 Michigan Representative Ann Bollin reading to grs. 1 and 2  
3:15 Homework Help  
3:30 Super Builders Robotics  
Open Enrollment for Current Preschool Families |
| **Tuesday, March 19, 2019**   | 7:30 Band Brass only  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grs. Field Trip to AA |
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| Wednesday, March 20, 2019 | ‣ **PreK-8 OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS**  
  ‣ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 4  
  ‣ Salsarita Day |
| Thursday, March 21, 2019 | ‣ **8:00 PTC Meeting**  
  ‣ Kindergarten Parent Conferences w/new families  
  ‣ 3:15 Children’s Choir, Homework Help, and Wildbots Robotics |
| Friday, March 22, 2019  | ‣ 7:30 Band  
  ‣ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5  
  ‣ ½ Day of School; Dismissal at 12:00  
  ‣ End of 3 Marking Period  
  ‣ St. Mary Scholarship Application 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**

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 11:30/11:45. 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 Park playground directly after the parade at 12:30ish.

**Congratulations to Us!** We are the only Catholic School to earn Evergreen again this year in our green school initiative! This year makes 7 Evergreen honors! This is the highest award that the school can earn. Thank you to Mrs. Brock for filling out the application for the school, Mrs. Burke for taking the recycles (plastic and cardboard) to the recycling center behind the fire station, and Mr. T. Jones for changing out lights to LED which run more efficiently.
There are many more things that we do to earn this high level for example, all of our paper products are made from wood pulp.

**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.

**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.

**Looking Ahead:**

**March 18**
- Enrollment for Current Families: Preschool
- No Kindergarten Classes today
- Kindergarten Readiness Testing

**March 20**
- Open Enrollment for Preschool

**March 22**
- St. Mary Scholarship Applications Due

**March 22**
- End of Third Marking Period

**March 24**
- School lead Mass at the 9:00am Mass. Thank you to all who responded to my request. We will practice at school on Friday, March 22 at 9:20.

**MAY 17**
- 7:30 am Donuts w/Grandparents, Candle and Ribbon Ceremony,
- 9:45 Spring Music Concert; 2:00 Living Bible History Museum

**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.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

5TH GRADE

The fifth grade has been busy sorting and setting up for our annual Used Book Sale. We would like to thank everyone who donated and purchased books from our sale. We are looking forward to purchasing several new books for our school library with the money raised from our sale.

We have been learning about the sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony in Religion. We also are working on changing our hearts throughout this time of Lent by practicing acts of self-denial, being more loving, and praying more. In Math, we are learning about probability and statistics. Our focus in Science has been on plants and photosynthesis. We planted seeds in different types of material to see which one grows best. We also used microscopes to look at plant cells. After watching a video of the spacecraft Orion, we are writing a narrative about a trip to Mars. We are focusing on using quotation marks correctly and making our writing more interesting by using other words to replace the word said. In Social Studies, we have completed several activities while learning about the events leading up to the Revolutionary War. In Literature, we are reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. We are learning to identify the many types of figurative language that the author uses throughout the story and will learn to recognize the traits of each character. We are working hard as we continue to prepare for our exciting transition to the Middle School next year!
Virtue of the Week

PERSEVERANCE meaning: Taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties

LOOKS LIKE: Continuing to do something even when it is difficult, Continue to try something even when it is hard, Jesus carrying the cross, Calmly doing something again after making a mistake, Taking the time to do school work neatly and thoroughly

SOUNDS LIKE: I am going to keep practicing. I will get it next time. I am going to keep trying. I won’t give up. Jesus, help me to carry my cross for the love of you. I will try it again. I won’t give up. I will take the time to do my work well.

HEBREWS 12:1–2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip March is National Nutrition Month. Make healthy eating a part of your daily
life. In the United States, lettuce is the second most popular fresh vegetable. It’s no wonder that lettuce is so popular when you think about all the different kinds of salads you can make!

**Middle School Math Competition**

On February 26, the Middle School students took part in the 2018-2019 Michigan Mathematics League Contest. Students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades were given a grade-level timed math test. The five highest scores in each grade were then combined and submitted to the Math League as our school’s team scores. Additionally, the students with the top five scores in each grade received a certificate of merit from the Math League.

There was a tie in the sixth grade, and so seven students had the five highest scores. The five highest scores in the sixth grade were achieved by: Olivia Domen, Sean Flaherty, Nathan Garbarz, Ella Gonzalez, Jacquelyn LeVasseur, Michael, Malone, and Alex McGlade. There was a tie in the seventh grade, and so six students had the five highest scores. The five highest scores in the seventh grade were earned by: Finnegan Beecher, Mia Hilliard, Kaleigh Kelsay, Paulina O'Donohue, Erin Stuk, and John Westerberg. In the eighth grade contest, the students with the five highest scores were: Zach deBeauclair, Nick Marcicky, Evan Marshke, Joseph Moltane, and Daniel Schneider.

Congratulations to these and all of the Middle School students for doing their very best!

**Update from Mother Son Dance:** Our annual Mother Son Dance was held on Friday, February 15, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, in the multi-use room. We had 63 people show up for a great night of dancing and the photo booth. We also had a lot of help for the evening. Between this dance and the Daddy Daughter Dance, we will vote at business meeting to give a check to the school for $1200.00. Thank you to all who participated

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

In the Old Testament reading Abraham puts his faith in the Lord. God makes a covenant with Abraham, promising him both land and descendants. The covenant is sealed with an ancient ritual during which Abraham falls into a kind of trance. Then God appears in a blazing torch to show him that God will enter into relationship with Abraham and his descendants.

The setting for the transfiguration account found in Luke’s gospel is a special time of prayer, which indicates that something important is going to happen. And something awesome does happen--Jesus is revealed in all his glory. Peter and his companions are mesmerized by what they see. They even contrive a plan to make the moment last. We can understand why Peter and the other disciples want to savor the moment. After all the transfiguration of Jesus has revealed to them just who is in their midst--Jesus Christ the Son of God.

This Gospel affirms Jesus’ identity as God’s Son, the Chosen One. And Jesus’ glorious transfiguration sheds light on things to come, ultimately Jesus’ victory over death. As followers of Jesus, the transfiguration also gives us insight into our own capacity for Divine life, as baptized people who share in the identity of Jesus.

- Have you ever seen something so spectacular that you wanted the moment to last forever?
- What does this reading tell us about Jesus?
- How is prayer important in these readings?

**Contemplative Prayer**

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday when the Church brings into focus Jesus’ teaching on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These readings emphasize prayer with the trance of Abraham and the transfiguration of Jesus while he is praying. It is through prayer that we encounter Jesus. When we come to know Jesus more deeply, we grow in awareness of our union with God.

The Church is rooted in a deep tradition of prayer. The three basic types of prayer are spoken, meditative and contemplative. Spoken prayer uses words that are recited or sung. Examples are the Lord’s Prayer, the Hail Mary, litanies, liturgical texts and so on. Meditative prayer may begin with spoken prayer but then it moves on to an imaginative reflective process. An example is guided meditation. Contemplative prayer may begin with meditation, but then it moves further away from the self and into a more complete union with God.
This type of prayer is ultimately a gift. Contemplative prayer comes out of a desire to be still in the awareness of God’s love.

**Congratulations:** Students participated in the 28th annual Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest this past month. Students will advance to the State Grade-Level competition next. If students win, they will move on to the next levels of National Grade-Level Semifinalists, and Grand National Grade-Level Champions. Student winners were: Charlotte Hays 3rd Grade, Isabella Wittrup 5th Grade, Patrick Burke 6th Grade, and Paulina O’Donohue 7th grade. Congratulations and good luck students!
St. Mary School
Bunny Run
Family Fun Run/Walk

When: Saturday, April 13 at 9:00 AM

Where: Lakeland Trail – park at the trailhead across from Captain Frosty’s Ice Creamery

What: a non-competitive fun run for St. Mary School families; run 1 or 2 miles; dress for the weather!

Cost: $1 cash per person; money raised will go toward school wellness initiatives

We are a Green School – Bring your own refillable water bottle; snack will be provided
St. Mary School Bunny Run

Yes, I want to do the Bunny Run Family Fun Run!

Meet at the Lakeland Trail at the trailhead across from Captain Frosty’s Ice Creamery

Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Run 1 or 2 miles for fun and fitness!

Cost: $1 cash per person

We are a Green School – please bring your refillable water bottle.

Snack will be provided. Dress for the weather!

Family participants:

Name___________________________ (Grade _____)
Name___________________________ (Grade _____)
Name___________________________ (Grade _____)

Adult Name ___________________________
Adult Name ___________________________

If you consent to your child/ren participating in this event, please sign and return this form, with entry fees, by Wednesday, April 10.

Parent/guardian signature: _________________________________

Phone number ___________________________________________

Date: __________________________________________________

Parents who are not participating in the Bunny Run must stay and wait for their children to finish. Thanks!
**Wednesday, April 3**

**Taco Day with Salad**
Soft Ground Beef Taco

**Optional Toppings:**
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato

**Sides:**
Garden Salad with White Corn
Chips & Mild Salsa
Orange Wedges

Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name______________________________

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**Wednesday, April 10**

**Grilled Chicken Rice Bowl**

**Optional Toppings:**
Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Steamed Corn & Cheese

**Sides:**
Chips & Salsa,
Orange Wedges

Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name______________________________

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Any Dietary Concerns Contact: Connie @ Salsarita’s 810-227-2572
Total Meals Ordered: ________
Total $$ Enclosed: ________ Check #: ___
**Wednesday, May 1**
Taco Day with Salad
Soft Ground Beef Taco
Optional Toppings:
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato
Sides:
Garden Salad with White Corn
Chips & Mild Salsa
Orange Wedges
Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name

**Small**
$4.00

**Large**
$5.50

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**Wednesday, May 8**
Grilled Chicken Rice Bowl
Optional Toppings:
Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Steamed Corn & Cheese
Sides:
Chips & Salsa,
Orange Wedges
Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name

**Small**
$4.00

**Large**
$5.50

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**Wednesday, May 15**
Taco Day with Salad
Soft Ground Beef Taco
Optional Toppings:
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato
Sides:
Garden Salad with White Corn
Chips & Mild Salsa
Orange Wedges
Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name

**Small**
$4.00

**Large**
$5.50

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**Wednesday, May 22**
Cheesy Chicken Roll-Up
Grilled Chicken & Mexican Rice Rolled in a Tortilla Shell Optional Toppings:
Black Beans, Queso, Lettuce & Tomatoes
Sides:
Chips & Salsa
Orange Wedges
Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name

**Small**
$4.00

**Large**
$5.50

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**Wednesday, May 29**
Taco Day with Salad
Soft Ground Beef Taco
Optional Toppings:
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato
Sides:
Garden Salad with White Corn
Chips & Mild Salsa
Orange Wedges
Circle Grade & Entrée Size: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
First & Last Name

**Small**
$4.00

**Large**
$5.50
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 S induce 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
St. Mary Parish
Men’s Club Presents
COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST
Sunday April 7, 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
Certificate to
PINCKNEY AUTO WASH

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!

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