

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

March 7, 2019

### Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, March 8, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band</li> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 3</li> <li>❖ 2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 8</li> </ul>
Monday, March 11, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 8</li> <li>❖ Healthy School Salad Lunch pre-ordered</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Homework Help</li> <li>❖ 3:30 Super Builders Robotics</li> <li>❖ Used Book Sale set-up</li> </ul>
Tuesday, March 12, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>7:30 Band Woodwinds only</b></li> <li>❖ Spirit Wear Day</li> <li>❖ Used Book Sale \$.25 each or 5/\$1.00</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 13, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 6</li> <li>❖ Salsarita Day</li> <li>❖ Used Book Sale \$.25 each or 5/\$1.00</li> </ul>
Thursday, March 14, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>PTC Meeting moved to 3/21</b></li> <li>❖ 3:15 Children’s Choir, Homework Help, and Wildbots Robotics</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ JV Girls' Basketball Tournament at Washtenaw Christian Time TBD</li> <li>❖ Used Book Sale \$.25 each or 5/\$1.00</li> </ul>
Friday, March 15, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band</li> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8</li> <li>❖ 2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 7</li> <li>❖ JV Girls' Basketball Tournament at Washtenaw Christian Time TBD</li> <li>❖ Used Book Sale \$.25 each or 5/\$1.00</li> </ul>

## 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.**

**BAND NEWS:** Here is a schedule for band 7:40-8:20 on Tuesdays only. **ALL middle school band students have class from 8:20-9:12. ALL band students come on Fridays at 7:30.** This will allow Mr. Hartman to focus on sections without others waiting patiently.

### **Tuesdays 7:40-8:20:**

3/12, 4/2 - Woodwinds only

3/19 , 4/9 - Brass only

3/26, 4/16 - Percussion only

**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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup>** Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:50; all welcome to join us

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** Healthy Schools Salad Lunch \$2.50

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** Enrollment for Current Families: Preschool  
No Kindergarten Classes today  
Kindergarten Readiness Testing

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** Open Enrollment for Preschool

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** St. Mary Scholarship Applications Due

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** End of Third Marking Period

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** 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<sup>th</sup> 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

## **CLASSROOM NEWS**

### **6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

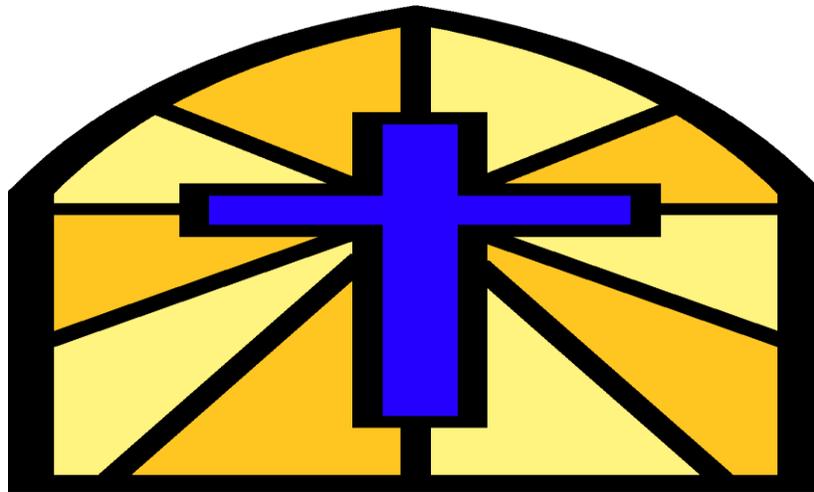
In Religion, the sixth grade has been focusing on developing their faith by applying the Ten Commandments into their everyday life, discussing Moses and the Promised Land, and working with the Judges: Deborah, Gideon, and Samson. Science has involved utilizing the Next Generation Science Standards with lots of cooperative group work, personal discovery, and class discussion. Recently, we have been working with continental drift and earthquake and volcano mapping.

Literature is moving through short stories having read “The King of Mazy May” by Jack London and “Zlateh the Goat” by Isaac Bashevis Singer! Social Studies

is currently working on ancient river valley civilizations of China while English is continuing building vocabulary and working on building effective sentences. Math is working on fraction operations and algebraic equations.

Along with our core subjects, we are eagerly getting ready for sixth grade camp next month, and hopeful that we will be able to have warmer weather for the hours we will be outside!

We wish everyone a holy Lenten season during this time of preparation!



## FYI

### Virtue of the Week

#### **PRAYERFULNESS meaning:**

Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend

**LOOKS LIKE:** Folding my hands when I pray, Focusing on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Looking at the priest during Mass, Kneeling in the pew, Closing your song book quietly

**SOUNDS LIKE:** Silence or praying with a group of people

*PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand.*

**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.**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10    Luke 4:1-13

The books of the Old Testament often deal with God's relationship with the Chosen People of Israel. The Chosen People understand that they are God's elect, not because they have earned God's favor, but because God has always been faithful to them. In the reading from the Old Testament the people of Israel show their gratitude to God. They bring the first fruits of their harvest to the Lord. God's Chosen People offer thanks and praise to the One God who is always faithful to them.

In the Gospel Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for forty days. While he is there, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Luke describes the temptations as the three most alluring temptations of his day: love of pleasure, love of riches, and love of power. Jesus resists the devil, which gives witness to how followers of Christ are to deal with temptation.

This Gospel reading also has Jewish roots. The Israelites wandered forty years in the desert after God delivered them from Egypt. They were tested with hunger, the lure of false Gods, and the temptation to test God. Jesus experienced the very same temptations and, unlike many of the Israelites before him, he was able to respond to each of them out of faithfulness to God. Jesus relies completely on God when confronted with temptation and in doing so he reverses the human infidelity of past history.

- What temptations keep you from loving God and others?
- When is it most difficult to stand up against temptation?
- How can God help you to stand up against temptation?

### **Divine Election**

It is our Catholic understanding that when it comes to being God's Chosen People, it is God who does the choosing. The choosing comes about because God is totally faithful and generous in love.

The Old Testament reveals that the people of Israel are chosen to be God's elect. God does not abandon the Chosen People even when they turn away from

God. The purpose of this divine election is to reveal the power and glory of God to the world.

The New Testament scriptures reveal that Jesus is God's elect. Jesus exemplifies for us the right response to God's call. Catholic teaching emphasizes that through Jesus, the Church inherits Israel's election. The Jewish people are regarded as "chosen," however divine election and grace are available in a new way to all believers by the coming of Christ.

### **The Gospel in Life**

How can your words and actions this week help you to get ready for Easter?

# 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!**

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