

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

May 2, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, May 3, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 3 ❖ Student Shadow gr. 3 Korte family ❖ First Friday Food Drive ❖ Popcorn Day \$.50 ❖ 9:15 8th Grade Graduation Pictures
Sunday, May 5, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 11:30 First Holy Communion
Monday, May 6, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 1 ❖ 2nd grade Shadow Student: Meghan Covert ❖ 3:15 Homework Help ❖ 3:30 Wellness Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:00 PTC Meeting ❖ 9:00 Sports/Club Pictures ❖ 6:15 8th grade Confirmation Meeting (Current 8th Graders)
Wednesday, May 8, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 4 ❖ Salsarita Lunch ❖ 6:00 Education Team Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ PJ Day; reward for testing

	❖ 3:15 Homework Help and Children's Choir
Friday, May 10, 2019	❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5 ❖ Hotdog Lunch from Altar Society ❖ Music Scholarship Application due ❖ Last Day for Library; All books due
Saturday, May 11, 2019	❖ 5:00 School Mass by 8 th grade class

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

8th Grade Graduation Pictures: Tomorrow directly after mass the 8th grade will be having their picture taken for their graduation picture. If students want to order, they should have taken the form home already for you to see. They need the form and \$8.00 if you will be ordering. Checks can be made out to School Pictures, please. Information was attached in this week's Thursday email. If you do not have an order form, please write your student's name on an envelope, include the check and write what it is for and send it to the office first thing in the morning (8:30).

Library: The last day for Library class will be Friday, May 10, 2019. All books should be turned in by this time. This will allow the library staff to reshelv books and track down those missing books before the end of the school year. Thank you to all of our Library volunteers this year. You are awesome!!!

Life in the Spirit: Saint Mary is excited to invite the parish to attend our upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminar! The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a 7-week series helping Christians find a fuller relationship with God by laying or strengthening the foundation of a truly Christian life. The seminar establishes a personal relationship with Christ, a knowledge of the Holy Spirit's action in our lives, and a communal and personal means of growth in this relationship with God.

Seminar nights will take place in the Saint Mary multi-use room from 7:00pm-8:30pm on Thursday evenings beginning May 9th through June 13th. (Note: The May 30th session is moved to Friday, May 31st. Attendees are invited to participate in a Pentecost Vigil on Saturday, June 8th after the 5pm Mass.) For more information please contact Sarah Salow Director of Religious Education.

Michigan School Wellness Award St. Mary Catholic School continues to demonstrate commitment to a healthy school environment! The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Education, United Dairy Industry of Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Action for Healthy Kids wishes to congratulate you, your team and your students on your Michigan School Wellness Award!

A special congratulations to your school for moving from Bronze in 2018 to SILVER in 2019!!!

Thank you to Mrs. Dzombak, our seventh grade teacher, for taking the initiative in filling out this very thorough application.

Water Filling Station: As part of our Green School initiative, we are fundraising for a Water Filling Station. This will increase student hydration, provide filtered safe water, save money plus the environment (less bottled water buying and disposal). Donations can be made at <https://www.tapwaterwatch.com/donations/> Please see the flyer that is attached to the email.

T.R.I.P.: Do you have older kids that are gone a lot? Are they constantly asking you for money so they can eat? TRIP has a lot of \$10 cards with rebates ranging from 4% up to 8%. Order are being placed Monday morning!!

Our next weekend school Mass will be at the **5:00 Mass time on Saturday, May 11th**. Our 8th grade class will be taking this on as one of their last leadership roles before they graduate on May 30th. It will be wonderful if their Kindergarten buddies could come and be a part of the processional at the beginning of Mass.

Looking Ahead:

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

No reminders were needed for the warm weather dress code that started May 1. The kids anticipate that day all winter! Please provide a sweatshirt or jacket as the weather is not cooperating with sunshine and warm weather just yet. It will get here though.

As we hit the last stretch for the end of the year, please help your child to stay focused on school and any homework they may have. Keeping bedtime schedules and routines are very important. Also, if you need to use the trump card and tell your child that “they have to go to bed because Mrs. Kinsey said so”, I’m okay with that! 😊

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

PRESCHOOL

Things have been busy in the preschool room! As we rounded the corner after Christmas break, we were been busy working on many fun activities!

In January, our religion unit focused on “God Made Animals”. We learned that God loves and cares for animals. People who love God care for the animals that He made. We learned about Saint Martin, who was a doctor. When Martin found a sick dog or cat or other animal, he took it to his sister’s house and cared for it. His sister’s house became a hospital for animals.

We played animal hospital in our dramatic play area! We also learned about winter weather; snow, ice, freezing rain and wind. We learned about Polar Animals as part of our winter weather unit as well.

In February, we learned that “God Gave us the Gift of Laughter”. We talked about how God wants us to be kind to others. We worked on different ways to make our friends happy and ways we can make others laugh. In order to celebrate Saint Valentine, God, friendship and laughter, we had our Valentine parties where we played games and passed out our own Valentine cards to our classmates!

We celebrated March is Reading Month by exploring Dr. Seuss books while focusing on rhyming words, opposites and word play). We also focused on some of our favorite authors such as Laura Numeroff, Eric Carle and Doreen Cronin.

We also learned about Saint Patrick, who taught people about God. We learned that we should also help talk about God and tell people all of the ways learn about God at St. Mary School!

April is here and we are ready for some warm weather and outdoor fun! We have been busy learning about Easter, bunnies, chicks, eggs and all things Spring! We learned that during Lent we pray, prepare our hearts and give. We are learning how Jesus died and rose from the dead and if we believe in Him, we will live forever. Another big concept we focused on was learning that new life comes from egg; just as Jesus came out of the tomb and had new life. We are eagerly awaiting our Easter celebration and egg hunt!

As we return from Easter break, we will be incorporating Prayer Stones into our daily schedule. Each child chose a special stone from home and brought it to school to paint it. The stones will be kept in the classroom and students will have access to their stones throughout to day. When a child holds their stone, they will practice reciting a prayer. As a group, we will pray, at various times, while holding our stones.

It is hard to believe we only have a few weeks of school left after Easter break. We are looking forward to singing at the Spring Concert. It has been a great year and the preschool students have been amazing!

Beth Stodart, St. Mary School Preschool Director/Teacher

KINDERGARTEN

Time sure flies when you are having fun! In Kindergarten, we have been very busy getting ready for first grade. In Religion, we just finished learning about seeds and how they help us to understand how Jesus died for us. Seeds die to give new life to the plant and Jesus died to give us new life. We also learned about Palm Sunday and Holy Week. All year we have been working extremely hard to learn about the virtues. In Math, we just finished learning about money. We also learned how to tell time to the hour. We just began learning about measurement. In reading, we have been learning about sentences. We have learned what a complete sentence is and are continuing to review nouns and verbs. We have learned the difference between questions and telling

sentences as well as how to write a complete sentence. We are working hard to finish the year and can hardly believe it is almost the end of the school year!

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 23, 2019

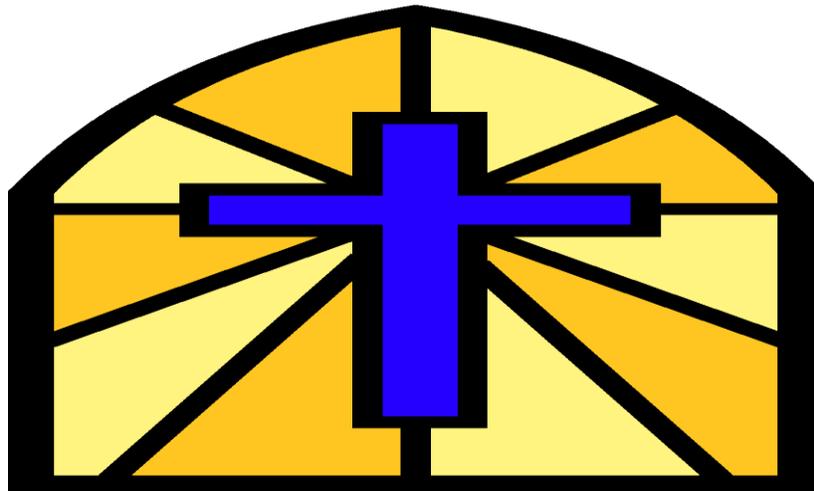
12:30PM - 4:00 PM

Parish grounds following 11:30 Mass

Free family event to parishioners & their families

Menu: Hot dogs, pulled pork, baked beans,
Coleslaw, watermelon slices, & potato chips. Beverages too!

Games for Children/Youth/Adult!



FYI

Virtue of the Week

ORDERLINESS meaning: Keeping oneself physically clean and neat and one's belongings in good order

LOOKS LIKE: Making your bed neatly, Organizing your dresser drawers, Throwing your garbage away, Cleaning your room, Brushing your teeth, Getting your school work organized

SOUNDS LIKE: I made my bed. I organized my dresser drawers. We threw that garbage away. I put my things away. I cleaned my room. I brushed my teeth. I put my schoolwork in my folder so I won't lose it.

JOHN 20:6-7

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Add more fruit to your diet! At breakfast, top your cereal with bananas, peaches, or strawberries. Add blueberries to pancakes. Drink 100% orange or grapefruit juice. Or, try a fruit mixed with low-fat yogurt. You can also blend yogurt or milk with fruit pieces and crushed ice. Use fresh, frozen, canned, and even overripe fruits. Try bananas, berries, peaches, and/or pineapple. If you freeze the fruit first, you can even skip the ice.

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

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 John 21:1-19

In the reading from Acts, the apostles are interrogated by the High Priest because they are teaching in the name of Jesus, when they have been given orders not to. Peter and the apostles courageously claim that they obey God and not any human authority. The power of the Holy Spirit is evident in the lives of the apostles as they face persecution. They go on their way rejoicing that they are willing and worthy to suffer for the sake of Jesus Christ.

This gospel begins with the disciples having little success catching fish. Then Jesus appears and tells them where to cast their nets. The result is a catch so great that the nets are bulging. This passage reminds us of the beginning of John's gospel, when the call of the disciples to share in the mission of Jesus is described in terms of catching fish. The full nets in this gospel suggest that the disciples will take on their mission of evangelization with great success.

The breakfast that is shared on the beach brings the substance of the work of Jesus and the disciples to the table. And in breaking bread together all the disciples know that the risen Lord is with them.

After the meal Jesus asks the disciple who betrayed him three times a question. He asks this question three times, "Peter do you love me?" Each time Peter answers, "Yes," and Jesus responds with a request, "Feed my sheep." Like a shepherd who cares for his flock, Peter is being asked to nourish and care for all people. Peter is being called to follow Jesus and in doing so to give his very life.

- When do you recognize that Jesus is with you?
- How can you help others?
- When do you celebrate Jesus' presence at a meal?

Eucharist and Mission

The call to follow Christ carries with it a charge to go out and serve the world, giving witness to the good news of the kingdom of God. The first disciples were willing to give their lives to carry out this mission. They were nourished and strengthened by the risen Christ.

The risen Christ nourishes us as well. Catholics believe that the Eucharist strengthens and nourishes believers for the mission of Christ. The Eucharistic meal increases our love for the poor and it renews our faith. The Eucharistic liturgy, the Mass, nourishes us to go forth and spend our lives in service for the life of the world.

The Gospel in Life

Think of ways that you can go out and serve the world. Choose one thing that you can do this week.

Application for the Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship

The application and essays may be dropped off at the school office or mailed to: St. Mary School, attention Music Scholarship Committee 10601 Dexter-Pinckney Rd. Pinckney, MI 48169. **Applications need to be submitted to the committee by Friday, May 10, 2019.** *Recipients will be notified on or before June 1, 2019.*

Name of Applicant: _____

Parent of Applicant: _____

Applicant's Address _____ City _____

Zip Code: _____ Contact Number: _____

Are you a current student at St. Mary School? _____ If not, when did you attend St. Mary School? _____

What grade will you be entering in the fall? _____

What type of music lessons are you taking? **(Please note: You must already be taking lessons to receive a scholarship.)** _____

How long you have been taking lessons? _____

Please indicate the name and contact number of your current music instructor.

What is the cost of each lesson? _____

How often do you attend your lessons? _____

******VERY IMPORTANT****** Please include 2 essays with your application. One essay should be written by the applicant. The applicant should explain why he/she enjoys taking lessons and how these musical experiences have helped him/her as a person. The other essay should be written by a parent of the applicant. The parent essay should explain why they think this musical experience has helped their child and why they would like assistance paying for the experience. Essays may be typed or handwritten. Thank you. **PLEASE NOTE: Applications submitted without essays will not be considered for an award. IF YOU ARE A PREVIOUS RECIPIENT OF THIS AWARD,** please enclose a letter from your instructor along with your essays. The letter should explain how your musical talent has progressed since you received your scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ date: _____

St. Mary Parish
Men's Club Presents
**COUNTRY STYLE
BREAKFAST**

Sunday May 5, 2019

Serving 8:30am to 11:00am

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds to help fund Church Kitchen Projects



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!

Multiple Drawing Raffle

1st Prize Half the Pot

2nd Prize Certificate to

Pinckney Auto Wash



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