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

October 10, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

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| Friday, October 11, 2019 | ❖ NO SCHOOL/TEACHER PD  
                        | ❖ 3:15 Children’s Choir practice  
                        | ❖ Cancelled today |
| Monday, October 14, 2019  | ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 2  
                        | ❖ Cross Country and Volleyball Picture Day  
                        | ❖ 3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics  
                        | ❖ 3:15-4:15 Homework Help  
                        | ❖ 4:00 Cross Country Meet @ Emerson |
| Tuesday, October 15, 2019    | ❖ 7:30 5th ONLY  
                        | ❖ 4:30 Girls’ Volleyball Home |
| Wednesday, October 16, 2019  | ❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 8  
                        | ❖ 3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics  
                        | ❖ 4:00 Cross Country Meet at St. Paul |
| Thursday, October 17, 2019    | ❖ 7:30 6-8 Band only  
                        | ❖ 12:00 In School Assembly Begins grs. K-8 (scheduled times)  
                        | ❖ 3:15-4:15 Homework Help  
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<td>Saturday, October 19, 2019</td>
<td>- 10:00 Cross Country Meet at Huron Meadows</td>
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**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**

**October Special Lunch:** The October Special Lunch will be on **Friday, October 18.** It will be a **bowl of Chili, cornbread, rice crispy treat and apple slices with a cost of $2.00.** If your student(s) is/are interested, please send the money in an envelope marked with your child’s name, grade and Chili **order by Tuesday, October 15th.** This will give Mrs. Phipps time to pick up supplies.

**Sunday, October 20th:** The school will be taking on the 11:30 Sunday Mass on Sunday, October 20. We will practice on the Thursday and Friday before so students know what to do. Students will need to be at church at 11:10 that morning.
Homework Help: We have been very fortunate the past couple of years to have some very dedicated St. Mary Graduates come back and give of their time and talents. Angie Mable, Nathan Warshal, Ben Wittrup, and Devin Jones are returning once again to help any student who would be in need of their services. They will be here on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 down in Mrs. Mable’s room. Students must be picked up promptly at 4:15 at the Latchkey Doors. Currently, Angie will be here by herself as the boys finish up fall sports.

Month of October: The month of October is the month of the Rosary. We will be saying a decade of the rosary each week during this month. If your child has a rosary, please send it with them for the month. If they
already know how to use a rosary, great. If not, we will be happy to teach them. After all, that is what we do! 😊

Parenting Class: Setting the Stage: Promoting Social-Emotional Health in Young Children. Social and emotional development, a critical aspect of overall brain development, begins at birth. Social-emotional skills are nurtured through daily routine, language and play. They are the foundation of social competence that affect a child’s ability to adapt in school and to form successful relationships throughout life. This workshop on social and emotional health provides parents with tips and tools for helping their children develop skills in these critical areas. This class will take place on Wednesday, October 23 from 6:30-8:00. This is a FREE class, but it will be greatly appreciated if you could call ahead so that materials can be printed and ready to go before hand. This class is open to all families of the school and parish. Feel free to invite your friends. We all need as many tools as we can get in our toolbox! (Unfortunately, I do not have the man-power to provide child care during this time.)

KNOW: All school families grades Kindergarten to Eighth grade will be emailed the KNOW program. You can review as you see fit for your family.

ALL-New Box Tops: Skip the scissors and use the APP! The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app scans your store receipt, finds participating products and instantly adds Box Tops to your school’s earnings online. No clipping required!

Box Tops is changing to fit today’s families. We are modernizing the Box Tops program for the next generation of participants. Using mobile technology, we can show families how their contributions affects their school in real time.

- More convenient: redeem anywhere, anytime within 14 DAYS OF PURCHASE
- Easy to use: no more clipping of sending Box Tops to school
- Real time: your school’s earnings are automatically updated online
- Extra Cash: access special bonus offers on top of your everyday Box Tops earnings

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS: Download the APP, Buy Box Top products, SCAN your receipt, EARN cash for your school!
****If you purchase a product that has the cut out version of Box Tops, please cut it out and send it along to the school as we can still sent them in until the Box Top expires.****

Water Filling Station: Update: It’s on the way! Thank you to all who helped to make this possible for our school!

Auction News:

Wanted: 1950's Apparel!!

It’s time to kick-off the St. Mary 2020 Auction, and we need your help! Our teachers are planning a special Harvest Day surprise to help get us in the mood to "cut a rug" at this year's "Fabulous 50s” auction.

We are asking for either donated 1950s apparel or anything you can loan us to help our teachers dress the part on Harvest Day and surprise our students with their best 1950s get-ups.

Please drop off 1950s costume donations or 1950s apparel "on-loan" in the office by Friday October 25th. (Please have a name on it so we know who to give things back to! 😊)

We will take lots of pictures so you can check out our awesome 1950s Greasers, Socs, and Sock Hoppers….Can you dig it?!

Peace, Veronica Kinsey
In the month of September, Spanish classes learned or reviewed greetings, introductions, farewells, and numbers in Spanish. In October, students in grades K-2 are learning the Mexican Hat Dance to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month. Students in grades 3-5 will make passports to use as we take virtual tours of Latin American countries throughout the year. The middle school classes will do a cultural project to compare their own heritages with Mexican-American heritages.

In November and December, I am excited to have all the classes prepare to perform our own posada celebration on December 20 at the school! The posada is a traditional Latino reenactment of Mary and Joseph’s search for lodging (posada) in Bethlehem. It consists of a parade, led by Mary and Joseph, through the town. The parade stops at various homes—or classrooms, in our case—to sing a song asking for lodging. The people inside the home sing a verse that turns Mary and Joseph away, and the procession continues until a preselected home sings a verse inviting everyone into the home for a fiesta. More information about the posada can be found here: http://www.venadelante.org/posadas/ and here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHUXsyNSQ84

Posadas are a lot of fun—my goal is for our posada to help your students appreciate the Latino culture and to celebrate the Christmas season in a new way this year. Please look for a Signup Genius for food and volunteers soon!
It's been an exciting first few weeks for the 5th graders as they now have their instruments for beginning band! They will be entertaining their families at home with all the "joyful" noises that learning an instrument can bring. Hopefully, they will be ready to play a few holiday tunes at the program in December! The 6-8 Band class is also beginning work on their concert music and are excited to share their musical skills.

All the music classes are starting to work on the Christmas musical, which will take you back to a small diner in the fabulous 50's. A great deal of time and energy is spent in preparation for the Christmas program, and all the hard work the next few months will produce a program of excellence that you've come to expect from our students. Through all the music endeavors of the students at St. Mary, we are committed to fostering their understanding of the music concepts of pitch, rhythm, melody, harmony, and music notation. Thanks for all you do to support the music program at St. Mary!

Steve Hartman, Music Director - St. Mary Catholic School
**Virtue of the Week**

**SELF-CONTROL meaning:** Joyful mastery over one’s passions and desires

**LOOKS LIKE:** Raising your hand before talking in class, Walking in a straight line. Keeping your hands to yourself, Not taking an extra cookie, Listening to others while they speak; not interrupting them

**SOUNDS LIKE:** I will raise my hand before I speak. Silence I will keep my hands to myself. I will only take one cookie even if I want more than one. Silence. I will listen while you are speaking.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6–7

*Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.*
**Dress Down Day** – Monday, October 21. The Middle School is sponsoring a dress down day to help defray the costs of end of year activities. Any student who wishes to participate should bring in $1 and give it to their homeroom teacher. Thank you for your participation in this dress down day, as well as our other ones throughout the school year.
# ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

**Enrollment Week of Oct. 7-11, 2019**

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**NEW:** 1

Total Children: 137

Male: 67
Female: 70
Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

2 Kings 5:14-17  Luke 17:11-19

This Old Testament reading was written to give encouragement to God’s people when Jerusalem was being destroyed. This passage tells of a foreigner named Naaman who is miraculously healed through the prophet Elisha.

When Naaman is healed he gives thanks to the prophet and gives praise to the God of Israel. Naaman shows his gratitude by offering two mule-loads of dirt for the prophet’s servant to bring home so that he can worship the God of Israel. When this passage was written it was believed that deities could not be worshipped except on their own soil. This gesture is a great sign of faith and thanksgiving.

In the Gospel reading a miraculous healing takes place and we find another genuine expression of gratitude. When Jesus cures ten lepers, the sole person to return and give thanks is a Samaritan, an outsider to the people of Israel. Luke points out that it is the foreigner who is open to Jesus and his message. The cured Samaritan shows his adoration and overwhelming gratitude by coming to Jesus and prostrating himself, lying flat on the ground before him. The gratitude that the Samaritan shows is a true response of faith. Not only is he cured but he is saved as well.

- Where do you find God’s blessings in the world?
- Why do we thank God?
- Do you remember to give thanks to God?

Prayer of Thanksgiving

There are five basic types of prayer named in our Catholic tradition. They are adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving and praise. The Scriptures this Sunday powerfully illustrate the prayer of thanksgiving.

All of life and creation is a gift from God. The position of the Church is one of thanksgiving for all God’s gifts, especially God’s saving action in Jesus. Through Jesus, all life and creation are redeemed and set free from sin.
The word Eucharist is Greek for “thanksgiving.” We give thanks to God for the saving sacrifice of Jesus which is made present when we gather together to share in the Eucharistic banquet.

The thanksgiving that we offer God not only takes place when Eucharist is celebrated. Every moment and every need is an opportunity to thank God. When we take the time to thank God we show our appreciation for all of life’s blessings.

Introducing Scary Mary, our official Harvest Day queen will be with us throughout the fall! Thanks again to all the St. Mary families for volunteering at Apple Daze and coming to cast your vote! Although she wasn’t the top pick at Apple Daze, Scary Mary is our favorite!
VOTE for your favorite! 1 vote please!

NO COST!
Lots of great things happening here at St. Mary School! Thank you to all of volunteers at the Apple Days in Dexter and Hamburg Library Chili lunch.
St. Mary Parish
Men’s Club Presents

Euchre

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Registration begins at 6:00pm
$10 per person
Fee covers food and beverages
Players must be least 18 year of age

Play starts at 7:00pm
Top Prize $100

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