

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

September 12, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, September 13, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7 ❖ Handbook Signature page due ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir practice
Monday, September 16, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 6 ❖ NWEA Testing begins for grs. 3-8 ❖ 3:30-4:45 Wildbot Robotics ❖ 4:30 Volleyball scrimmage
Tuesday, September 17, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 6-8 Band only ❖ Special Lunch \$ Due \$2.00; see below for information
Wednesday, September 18, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 6 ❖ ST. MARY SWAG ORDERS DUE ❖ 3:30-4:45 Wildbot Robotics ❖ 6:30-8:00 KNOW Class for grs. K-2 students and parents
Thursday, September 19, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 6-8 Band only ❖ 3:30-4:45 Wildbot Robotics ❖ 4:30 Girls' Volleyball at Christ the King ❖ 4:30 Cross Country Meet at PHS
Friday, September 20, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Special Lunch: Chicken Oriental Salad❖ 12:30-3:30 Live Virtus Class❖ 3:15 Children's Choir practice |
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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

Lunchroom Angels: We are still in need of workers for the lunchroom. Ideally, I would like to have 4 workers for each day. Currently, that is only happening on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please prayerfully consider if your schedule allows for you to be consistently here on a **Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday** during the school year.

Walk-a-thon: Our Walk-a-thon will take place on Friday, September 27 at 2:00. The purpose of the Walk-a-thon is for technology maintenance and upgrades. All of our Middle School students are using new Chrome Books this year. They continue to be assigned their own Chrome Book to use while at school. The elementary students have their own cart that they share throughout the classrooms, while Kindergarten and First graders share iPads. This is all due to your generous generosity. We are once again asking each family to send out three letters with envelopes, which we provide, to members of your family that live outside the St. Mary area to see if they would be willing to help support this very important fundraiser. We will also provide each family with a donation sheet for family and friends in the area. If every family can contribute something towards this cause we will be able to continue to provide your students with technology that enhances their education. Thank you in advance for any support you can provide.

Special Lunch Friday, September 20: **Chicken oriental salad** with cut snow peas, mandarin oranges, and crispy rice noodles with a poppy seed dressing. The cost is \$2.00. Please send in your order with your child's name and \$2.00 in an envelope by Tuesday, September 17

St. Mary Handbook: Attached to this messenger, you will find a copy of the [2019-2020 St. Mary Handbook](#). Please take some time to read through and sign the final page indicating that you have done so. **Please return signature page by Friday, September 13.**

KNOW: The first KNOW presentation for grades K-2 will be on Wednesday, September 18 from 6:30-8:00. (It most likely will be less time but we wanted to give it a large enough window our first time.) We are getting clarification from the Diocese regarding parent participation with this. As I stated at Open House Night, parents need to be present with their child during this presentation. After the presentation, parents who attended will be sent the same information that was presented. Here's the tricky part: If the parent then chooses to decide they will present this material to their other children, they don't necessarily need to bring them to the other presentations for their grade level. If you have a child one side or the other of the class age presentations (K-2, 3-5, 6-8) feel free to make a decision to just bring them to the same presentation. The material is the same with differences only in pictures; little children or older children in pictures. **IF YOU DECIDE TO OPT OUT OF THE PROGRAM YOU MUST SIGN AN OPT OUT FORM AND SUBMIT IT! OPT OUT FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE PARISH WEBSITE here:**

<http://stmarypinckney.org/know-child-safety-program/>

Or one has been included at the bottom of this Messenger.

Hamburg Library Art Show Chili Lunch: Saturday, October 5 the Hamburg Library will be hosting a craft show. We were asked to once again provide a chili lunch for this event. Mrs. Kinsey will cook the chili and provide the meat for it but needs help with the rest. Please take a moment to look at the Sign Up Genius and see where you could be of help. Just click on the link or cut and paste it into the browser! Thanks so much!!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094DACAB2AA46-hamburg>

Water Filling Station: Coming soon to St. Mary School! The filling station has been ordered and we are just waiting for it to be delivered. Thank you to all who helped to make this possible for our school!

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

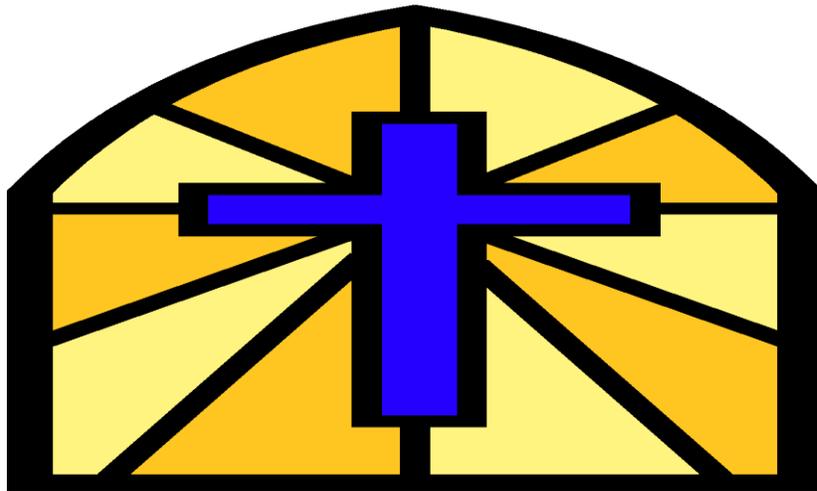
FIRST GRADE

The first graders have been working very hard learning new routines and have had a lot of fun meeting and learning about new classmates.

We've been reading and learning about the great love that God has for all of us. We talked about different forms of prayer and how we can use them to listen and talk to God throughout the day. Next week we will start our individual picture Bibles. Every week we will focus on at least one Bible story that goes along with what we are learning in our Religion book. The students will then write the Bible story in their own words and draw a picture to go along with it. This week we have been focusing on the story of Creation.

We are enjoying the stories in our reading series. Our next unit will focus on the relationship between humans and animals. We will also be learning about animals in science as we explore how different animals can be classified into groups based on their physical characteristics. In math we will be learning many different strategies that will help us memorize our addition and subtraction facts.

We look forward to learning many more new things throughout the year.



FYI

Virtue of the Week

INDUSTRIOUSNESS meaning: Diligence, especially in work that leads to natural and supernatural maturity

LOOKS LIKE: Diligently completing a task, Diligently working on your math, Trying to stay focused on your reading, Working to complete your duties, Diligently completing your homework

SOUNDS LIKE: I will get this done. Let me finish this first. I will finish my math. I will go to a quiet place so that I can concentrate on what I am reading. I will finish studying for my test. I need to stay focused and finish my homework.

COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ.

Kroger News: Dear ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (**RC113**), The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

Please reference our school number, RC113, when contacting Kroger for assistance. New members can enroll by searching for either the **number** or the **name of your organization**. If you have any questions, please email kcr18@kroger.com or visit our website at <http://www.kroger.com> .

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: More than 70% of your body's weight is water. Make sure you drink lots of water throughout the day to keep that healthy balance. You can even make your water more exciting. Try adding a slice of lemon, lime, cucumber or watermelon to your water.

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

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 Luke 15:1-32

In the reading from the Old Testament the people of God go astray. They lose faith and worship the image of a golden calf. The people turn to an idol to replace God even before Moses comes down from the mountaintop. This angers God, but he listens to Moses who pleads for the people. God remains true to the covenant promise that was made with Moses' ancestors and God shows the people forgiveness. This reading emphasizes the forgiveness of God. Although the people lose faith and rebel, God remains faithful to them.

The Gospel continues to stress the forgiveness of God. The passage begins with religious leaders accusing Jesus of welcoming sinners and even eating with them. Jesus responds to their accusations by using stories to help them understand God's love. These stories are also called parables. Jesus tells these parables to teach his listeners that God not only welcomes sinners, but God also rejoices in their return.

In the first parable about the lost sheep, the shepherd goes out after the one sheep that is lost until he finds it. When the sheep is found the shepherd carries it tenderly on his shoulders back home. God is like the shepherd who goes after his lost sheep. The story teaches about God's tenderness and love.

In the second parable about the lost coin, the woman takes great care to find what is lost. When the coin is found there is joyful celebration. God is like the woman who searches for the lost coin until it is found. This story reveals how God rejoices in the return of those who have gone astray.

The last parable of the prodigal son also teaches about God's love and forgiveness, however the reaction of the elder brother adds something new. The elder brother's jealousy keeps him away from the celebration. It is clear that the religious leaders of Jesus' time are depicted the elder brother. The point is made that God welcomes all to the feast.

In all three parables Jesus teaches the truth about God's love. God rejoices over the reconciliation of sinners. It is the Church's mission to welcome home those who have been lost.

- Is it hard to ask for forgiveness when you have done something wrong?
- Are you able to forgive others?
- Why does God rejoice when a sinner asks for forgiveness?

The Church's Ministry of Reconciliation

Jesus came to restore our relationship with God. Therefore the ministry of reconciliation is basic to the Church's life. Jesus reached out to those who were lost and forgotten. He healed those who were broken physically and spiritually. The healing love of Jesus welcomes us all back to our true home with God.

When bitterness and hatred exist between people, within families, and between races there is a need for reconciliation. Many people need help in order to find their way back to God. Jesus' mission of reconciliation continues in the Church and it is not limited to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The entire people of God are called to reach out to those who have lost their way.

Annual Christmas Bazaar

St. Mary Rosary Altar Society will hold their Annual Christmas Bazaar.

On Saturday December 7, 2019 from 10 A.M. till 4 P.M.

Location is at St. Mary Catholic Church , 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd. in
Pinckney, Michigan

FREE ADMISSION--- FREE PARKING---BAKE SALE---RAFFLE---50/50---

LUNCH and REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Looking for Crafters and Vendors to be part of our day.

Cost for an eight foot table space is \$ 45.00.

For information, contact Mary @ 734-878-6563.



RCIA

(RITE OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

ARE YOU A SCHOOL PARENT WANTING TO LEARN ABOUT THE
CHURCH? RCIA IS OPEN TO CATHOLICS AND NON-CATHOLICS ALIKE!

CLASSES BEGIN THIS SEPTEMBER.

VISIT WWW.STMARYPINCKNEY.ORG/RCIA TO LEARN MORE.

EMAIL
KWILEY@STMARYPINCKNEY.ORG
TO REGISTER.

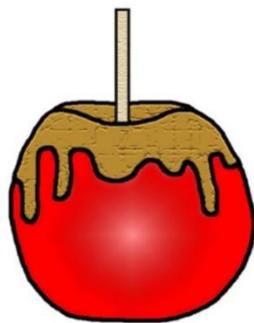


Come One, Come All!

**The St. Mary Pinckney Knights of Columbus
invite you to join them for a . . .**

FALL HAYRIDE

**Friday, September 27, 6-10pm
Family, Fun & Fellowship
on the Parish Grounds**



- * Wagon Rides * Hot Dogs * Caramel Apples
- * Bonfire * Bobbing for Apples * Music * Games
- * Plan to bring a dish to pass —
Last names: A thru G bring a salad,
H thru R a snack, S thru Z a dessert
- * Open to all parishioners and their families

This community activity
sponsored by the
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Council # 11761



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Family Name: _____

Please Print

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Signature