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 19, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

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<td>Monday, September 23, 2019</td>
<td>Morning Prayer; gr. 5&lt;br&gt;8th grade to Lansing Cathedral&lt;br&gt;3:30-5:00 Wildbot Robotics&lt;br&gt;4:30 Volleyball scrimmage&lt;br&gt;6:00 Virtus Class Live Please register ahead of time</td>
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| Thursday, September 26, 2019 | - Dress Down Day $1.00  
|               | - 7:30 6-8 Band only  
|               | - 3:30-5:00 Wildbot Robotics  
|               | - 4:30 Girls’ Volleyball HOME against AA Christian  
|               | - 4:30 Cross Country Meet at PHS                                         |
| Friday, September 27, 2019 | - **OCTOBER SALSARITA ORDERS DUE TO THE OFFICE BY 9:00 AM**  
|               | - 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6  
|               | - 2:00 Walk-a-thon: Money Due  
|               | - 3:15 Children’s Choir practice  
|               | - 4:00 Cross Country Meet at Huron Meadows                              |
| Saturday, September 28, 2019 | - 9:00 Girls’ Volleyball Scrimmage at St. Paul                          |

**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**

**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

**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.

**Parenting Class: Positive Discipline:** Helping young children learn self-control is important to their ability to be successful citizens now and in the future. Positive Discipline workshops help adults learn how their role in creating appropriate environments and experiences can strengthen that development. This class will take place on **Wednesday, September 25 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:** The first KNOW presentation for grades K-2 was Wednesday, September 18 from 6:30-8:00. The presentation lasted 40 minutes! I anticipate that the rest of the classes will be about the same. The next class will be Wednesday, October 2 beginning at 6:30. It will be geared for grades 3-5, but feel free to attend for any grade if you need to. 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 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.

**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 affect their school in real time.

- More convenient: redeem anywhere, anytime within **14 DAYS OF PURCHASE**
- Easy to use: no more clipping or 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 send them in until the Box Top expires.****

**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

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**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**SECOND GRADE**

The second graders will soon begin their preparation for First Reconciliation. Reconciliation is the first of two sacraments they will be celebrating this year. They will receive it on February 19, 2020. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful event!

The class is also in the middle of a few of their first units of study. In Social Studies, the first unit of the year is always about communities. Through it, they will discuss the roles they play in the different communities in their lives. In Science, they are in the middle of learning about plant and animal habitats. Later in the quarter, they will make large habitat posters and hang them up in the hallway.
The second graders will be busy in the coming months with projects, preparation, and holiday activities. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year!

**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

**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.

*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.*

Dexter Apple Daze 🍏 Volunteers Needed!

We have an opportunity to create visibility for our school at Apple Daze in
Dexter on October 5th. St. Mary is sponsoring a kids tent with games, crafts, and other fun fall activities like an apple toss, pumpkin bowling and more. Apple Daze is in downtown Dexter on Saturday October 5th from 10-5 and features live entertainment, hay rides to the Dexter Cider Mill and even a pie eating contest!!

We are looking for volunteers to help work the St. Mary kids tent on Saturday. We need 4-6 parents or older students. Please consider volunteering, you pick the time! Contact Carissa Poroko at 202-369-0699 (text or call) or carissa@tricompr.com if you are interested in helping spread the word about our awesome school!

Last but not least, make sure to take a stroll down “Scarecrow Row” at Apple Daze and cast your vote for Scary Mary, our very own St. Mary scarecrow who will be displayed in the 2nd Annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest!

**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](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 or lemon, lime, cucumber or watermelon to your water.

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

Amos 8:4-7 Luke 16:1-13

This passage from the Old Testament was written at a time when the poor were treated unfairly and greed was commonplace. The purpose of Amos’ message is to help the people see the truth about their lives before God.

God intended for all people to benefit by living according to the Law, especially the poor. Following God’s Law includes not lying or cheating, and it demands
that the Sabbath be kept holy. This reading shows how the people try to go around the Law of God for their own personal gain, and this displeases God.

In the Gospel Luke makes the point that the way people use their God-given gifts tells a lot about them. If people share their talents and possessions for the benefit of the world, they are on the path to eternal life. If they are greedy with their gifts, they are on the path to destruction.

This Gospel stresses that we show our faithfulness to God by our actions. Being faithful means serving God alone. People can be tempted to turn away from God and worship money or possessions. This passage makes it clear that we cannot serve both God and wealth. The choice is ours. Each person must choose a single master.

- How does greed get in the way of helping the poor?
- What does it mean to be faithful?
- How can riches keep a person from being faithful to God?

**Social Justice: Part I**

The Church teaches that justice is “the strong and firm will to give each person their due” (ST 2-2.58.1). The purpose of justice is to protect the dignity of the person and protect the basic human rights that flow from this dignity.

God created people with differences. Our differences, including our abilities, our situations and our station in life, demand that we work together for the benefit of all. While each person is of equal value and created in the image and likeness of God, our personal gifts are not distributed equally and we are not all born with the same opportunities. We need each other. The commandment to love one another calls us to share what we have with those in need. When we use our personal gifts to benefit others, and when we share our wealth and possessions with those in need, we live according to the gospel of Jesus.

**The Gospel in Life**

How can you share one of your gifts with someone this week?
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 St. Mary Pinckney Knights of Columbus Council #11761

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734-878-5616  Fax: 734-878-2383

mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org

kNOw Opt-out Form

Family Name: _____________________________________________________________

Please Print

Student Name: ___________________________________________________________

Grade: __________________________

Student Name: ___________________________________________________________

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Student Name: ___________________________________________________________

Grade: __________________________

Parent Signature
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
St. Mary Parish
Men's Club Presents
COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST
Sunday October 6, 2019
From 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds to be used for Parish Kitchen Remodel

50/50 Raffle
1ST Prize Half the POT!
2nd Prize Gift 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
Waffle Station!

Introducing the NEW Breakfast Burrito!

St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd
COME STAND FOR LIFE

Sunday
October 6, 2019
2–3 PM
Pinckney Town Square
along M-36

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful, prayerful, legal, family friendly, nationwide PRO-LIFE demonstration! Members of communities throughout the nation will be forming a virtual life chain across the country on this day in support of life.

Take a stand for life with hundreds of others in this visual statement against abortion. We will line the sidewalks of Main Street in Pinckney. Friendly signs will be available at the Gazebo in the town square. Feel free to bring folding chairs. Come rain or shine and bring a friend.

Donations are welcome to Pregnancy Help Clinic in Brighton.
Contact for more information:
* Debby Dugan, Trinity Lutheran Church, 734.255.7264
* Dale Pepper, St. Mary Catholic Church, 734.878.9454

Please DO NOT park your car on Main St. in downtown Pinckney.

“Do not be afraid.” MT 14:27
Together with Christ, we can make a difference!