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 26, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

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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**

**Welcome to the Malkowski family.** Valerie will be joining our 5th grade classroom on Tuesday, October 1st. Please introduce yourself when you see them in the school.

**Hamburg Library Art Show Chili Lunch:** Saturday, October 5 Thank you to all who have signed up to help! All of the slots have been filled! Wow! This will be a great opportunity for us to do a service for the community and get our name out there at the same time! Please have all items to the school by Friday morning, October 4th so that Mrs. Kinsey can put the chili together.

**Walk-a-thon:** Our Walk-a-thon will take place tomorrow, Friday, September 27 at 2:00. The purpose of the Walk-a-thon is for technology maintenance and upgrades. 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. **STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR THEIR WALK-A-THON SHIRT TO SCHOOL WITH REGULAR UNIFORM FROM THE WAIST DOWN.**
Raffle Tickets: The school raffle tickets will be available for pick up beginning next week. They will be located in the school Gathering Space. Please be sure to pick them up so that you have the full opportunity to sell your tickets. Ticket stubs and money will be due back to the office by Monday, December 2nd. Good luck to all who purchase tickets. May the luck of the Irish be with you!

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! 😊

Relax Alternatives to Anger for Parents and Caregivers: RELAX for parents and caregivers looks at anger and strong emotion in infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Parents gain a better understanding of the developmental stages in children’s self-control. They learn how they can assist children at each stage by using RELAX concepts in daily interactions. 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: 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.

**NEW SCHOOL SIGN:** Thank you to the St. Joseph Gild for their help in getting a new school sign. Unfortunately, the old sign was invaded by carpenter ants and was also dry rotting so for safety reasons we had to take it down. With the help of Mr. Jack Eggenberger a new sign was designed and made. Thank you, Jack! Also, thank you to Jim Kinsey for digging out an old post and putting the new one in. God is Good to provide willing hands, time, and talent to help us out!
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:** 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
Greetings from Third Grade,

We are off to a great start! September has been exciting as we familiarize ourselves with our textbooks and begin learning new things. Our first Mass is coming soon as is our first field trip to the Chelsea Milling Co. (Jiffy Mixes) in Chelsea.

In Religion, we have been discussing the conversion of St. Paul, the Communion of Saints, and the Sacraments of Initiation. We will be practicing the various parts of the Mass since we will lead it on Wednesday, October 9th. All are welcome to celebrate with us!

We are reading Charlotte’s Web and discussing literary elements such as characters, setting, plot, and theme. This is in preparation for getting ready to do our first book report of the year in October. The basics of writing sentences and their different parts are our focus in Grammar. We have learned about the four different types of sentences and now will break down sentences so we can identify subjects and predicates.

We are just starting to learn the different cursive strokes in handwriting and are really excited to begin writing letters and words. Social Studies discusses different communities and its parts. In Science, we are starting with a unit on animals. Always a favorite subject among third graders!
Virtue of the Week

HONESTY meaning: Sincerity, openness and truthfulness in one’s words and actions

LOOKS LIKE: Keeping your eyes on your own paper, Telling the truth even when it is hard, Admitting you did something wrong. Going to confession. Sharing something equally

SOUNDS LIKE: I will not cheat by looking at someone else’s paper. This is what really happened... I told the truth. I am sorry. Bless me Father, for I have sinned... I was fair.

MARK 5:33

But the woman, knowing what had been done to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

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.
### ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

**Enrollment Week of September 22-28, 2019**

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Total Children: 134
Male: 66
Female: 68
Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Luke 16:19-31

In the Old Testament reading, the prophet Amos warns the self-satisfied that they are headed for destruction. The wealthy who ignore God’s demand for justice will be the first to go into exile. In this reading, the rich are called to task because they are blinded by their comforts. They do not see the needs of others. The people close their hearts to compassion, which earns them destruction.

In this Gospel Jesus tells a parable about a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. In the story, Lazarus is hungry, sick, and crippled and he cries out to the rich man for help. Lazarus receives no mercy from the rich man who ignores him. Comfortable with his abundance, the rich man does not notice the beggar at his feet. After death, the fortunes of the two are reversed. Lazarus rests “in the bosom of Abraham,” while the rich man suffers. The rich man is condemned for his hardness of heart. This Gospel makes the point that caring for the poor is the responsibility of all God’s people. Compassionate concern for the poor leads to life everlasting.

- What does the story of the rich man and Lazarus tell you about caring for the poor?
- Why are poor people ignored sometimes?
- When have you seen poor people treated with compassion?

Social Justice: Part II

Catholic social teaching on justice acknowledges that sinful inequalities affect millions of people throughout the world. These unfair conditions keep people from having what they need to live healthy lives. This inequality goes against Jesus’ gospel message. As Catholic Christians, we are called to work for justice. It is our responsibility to fight against the unequal conditions that cause poverty. Catholic social teaching reminds us to never become so comfortable with what we have that we forget the needs of the poor.

The Gospel in Life

How can you find out about groups that perform service for people in your area who are living in poverty?
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.

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mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org

kNOw Opt-out Form

_______________________________________________________________

Family Name:________________________________________________________

Please Print

Student Name:_______________________________________________________

Grade:_____________________________

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Parent Signature
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

Knights of Columbus
In service to One. In service to all.
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
COMES 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!

Below food for thought.
Why Catholics are leaving the faith by age 10 – and what parents can do about it

By Matt Hadro

Washington D.C., Dec 17, 2016 / 02:36 pm (.- Young Catholics are leaving the faith at an early age – sometimes before the age of 10 – and their reasons are deeper than being “bored at Mass,” the author of a recent report claims.

“Those that are leaving for no religion – and a pretty big component of them saying they are atheist or agnostic – it turns out that when you probe a bit more deeply and you allow them to talk in their own words, that they are bringing up things that are related to science and a need for evidence and a need for proof,” said Dr. Mark Gray, a senior research associate at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University. “It’s almost a crisis in faith,” he told CNA. “In the whole concept of faith, this is a generation that is struggling with faith in ways that we haven’t seen in previous generations.”

Gray recently published the results of two national studies by CARA – which conducts social science research about the Church – in the publication Our Sunday Visitor. One of the surveys was of those who were raised Catholic but no longer identified as Catholic, ages 15 to 25. The second survey was of self-identified Catholics age 18 and over.

In exploring why young Catholics were choosing to leave the faith, he noted “an emerging profile” of youth who say they find the faith “incompatible with what they are learning in high school or at the university level.” In a perceived battle between the Catholic Church and science, the Church is losing.

And it is losing Catholics at a young age. “The interviews with youth and young adults who had left the Catholic Faith revealed that the typical age for this decision to leave was made at 13,” Gray wrote. “Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed, 63 percent, said they stopped being Catholic between the ages of 10 and 17. Another 23 percent say they left the Faith before the age of 10.”

Of those who had left the faith, “only 13 percent said they were ever likely to return to the Catholic Church,” Gray wrote. And “absent any big changes in their life,” he said to CNA, they “are probably not coming back.”
The most common reason given for leaving the Catholic faith, by one in five respondents, was they stopped believing in God or religion. This was evidence of a “desire among some of them for proof, for evidence of what they’re learning about their religion and about God,” Gray said.

It’s a trend in the popular culture to see atheism as “smart” and the faith as “a fairy tale,” he said. “And I think the Church needs to come to terms with this as an issue of popular culture,” he continued. “I think the Church perhaps needs to better address its history and its relationship to science.”

One reason for this might be the compartmentalization of faith and education, where youth may go to Mass once a week but spend the rest of their week learning how the faith is “dumb,” he noted.

In contrast, if students are taught evolution and the Big Bang theory at the same school where they learn religion, and they are taught by people with religious convictions, then “you’re kind of shown that there’s not conflicts between those, and you understand the Church and Church history and its relationship to science,” he said. With previous generations who learned about both faith and science as part of a curriculum, that education “helped them a lot in dealing with these bigger questions,” he explained, “and not seeing conflict between religion and science.” Fr. Matthew Schneider, LC, who worked in youth ministry for four years, emphasized that faith and science must be presented to young people in harmony with each other.

A challenge, he explained, is teaching how “faith and science relate” through philosophy and theology. While science deals only with “what is observable and measurable,” he said, “the world needs something non-physical as its origin, and that’s how to understand God along with science.”

“It was the Christian faith that was the birthplace of science,” he continued. “There’s not a contradiction” between faith and science, “but it’s understanding each one in their own realms.”

How can parents raise their children to stay in the faith? Fr. Schneider cited research by Christian Smith, a professor of sociology at the University of Notre Dame, who concluded that a combination of three factors produces an 80 percent retention rate among young Catholics.
If they have a “weekly activity” like catechesis, Bible study or youth group; if they have adults at the parish who are not their parents and who they can talk to about the faith; and if they have “deep spiritual experiences,” they have a much higher likelihood of remaining Catholic, Fr. Schneider said.

More parents need to be aware of their children’s’ beliefs, Dr. Gray noted, as many parents don’t even know that their children may not profess to be Catholic. The Church is “very open” to science, he emphasized, noting the affiliation of non-Catholic scientists with the Pontifical Academy of Science, including physicist Stephen Hawking. There is “no real conflict” between faith and science, Gray said. “The Church has been steadily balancing matters of faith and reason since St. Augustine’s work in the fifth century,” he wrote.

“Yet, the Church has a chance to keep more of the young Catholics being baptized now if it can do more to correct the historical myths about the Church in regards to science,” he added, “and continue to highlight its support for the sciences, which were, for the most part, an initial product of the work done in Catholic universities hundreds of years ago.”

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