

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 5, 2019

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, September 6, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6 ❖ First Friday Food Drive ❖ Popcorn Day \$.50 per bag ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir practice
Saturday, September 7, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 9:00 am Cross Country Meet @ PHS ❖ 7:30ish pm Parish/School Wide Outdoor Movie Night: <i>Sandlot</i>; See below for details
Monday, September 9, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 7 ❖ 3:30-4:45 Wildbot Robotics ❖ 4:30 Volleyball scrimmage
Tuesday, September 10, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 6-8 Band only ❖ 4:15 Girls' Volleyball home against Emerson
Wednesday, September 11, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 5 ❖ 3:30-4:45 Wildbot Robotics
Thursday, September 12, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 6-8 Band only ❖ 3:30-4:45 Wildbot Robotics ❖ Girls' Volleyball at Steiner; check schedule for time

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
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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.

Walk-a-thon Sponsors: Own a business? Would you like to support our Walk-a-thon by becoming a sponsor? The cost is \$250. Every student will get a T-Shirt with your company name will go on the back. Please let Mrs. Kinsey know ASAP if you are willing to help as T-Shirts will go to "press" on September 16th. We will need a business logo and a check written out to St. Mary School. Thanks so much!!

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.**

Athletes: If your Athlete is participating in a Fall sport, Volleyball or Cross Country, **ALL FORMS AND FEE NEED TO BE TURNED IN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD** for them to be able to participate in practice. (Cross Country parents, please check with Mrs. Stuk about CC fees.)

First Day of School Picnic: What a great day for a picnic! Lots of families and students were able to connect and enjoy a fun lunch together. Thanks to all who participated.

Special Lunch: Mrs. Phipps and her team will be back at it again this year providing a special lunch for the kids each month except during Lent when the fish dinners take over. For the month of September, we will have a special lunch on Friday, September 20. The cost is \$2.00. The lunch will be a **chicken oriental salad** with cut snow peas, mandarin oranges, and crispy rice noodles with a poppy seed dressing. Please send in your order with your child's name and \$2.00 in an envelope by Tuesday, September 17.

Popcorn Person: Thank you to Mrs. Sample for volunteering to be our Popcorn person!

Band Class: For the time being, Mr. Hartman will see only 6-8 graders for the 7:30 band classes. He is working with Mrs. Haberl regarding 5th grade band students. More information will be available to parents and students regarding rental/purchasing instruments.

Looking Ahead: September 12 is Fall Picture Day. This will be a dress up day; NO JEANS or SWEATPANTS. Students will need to have an order form with money to purchase pictures. **YOU MUST PURCHASE PICTURES TO GET A YEARBOOK.** All Students will get their picture taken regardless of purchase.

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

PRESCHOOL

Our first week of preschool in the four/five-year-old class has been great! The returning students took the lead and were very helpful and kind to our new students. The new students did a wonderful job adjusting to their new environment. New friendships have already started to blossom!

We are starting to gain a rhythm as students become familiar with the daily routine and activities. We have already started learning a morning and afternoon prayer as well as practicing Grace before snack and lunchtime.

The month of September will be spent learning about Fall and all of the wonderful things God provides us with during this time. We will be learning about each other's families during our "All About Me" unit. As part of our family study, we will be graphing a variety of information such as how many people are in our family and things we like to do with our family. We will also discover what it means to be part of a school/church family.

We will also explore the Fall season by taking a trip to Erwin's Apple Orchard, along with Mrs. Anderson's three-year-old preschool class on October 3rd!

We are looking forward to a great school year full of wonderful classroom experiences!

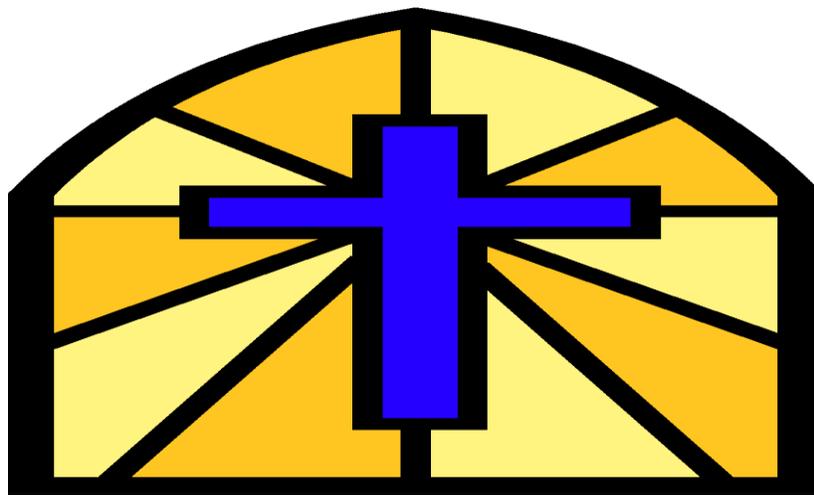
Beth Stodart and Pam Prosniewski

KINDERGARTEN

Welcome back to school! In Kindergarten, we have been busy getting into the routine of school! We have spent much of the first two weeks learning about what we do at school and what is expected of us. We read the book "Even Superheroes Have Bad Days" by Shelly Becker and learned how we can be superheroes by making good choices, even when we are angry. We also made ourselves into Superheroes! Come see the Super Kindergarteners in the hallway outside of our classroom!

We started full days on Monday and love every minute of it. We just started learning about when God created the world. We are also starting to learn about going to school and how to be a good citizen in our school and the surrounding community. In Math, we will be learning about comparing objects and sorting by size, color, shape, etc. We will soon be learning about the letters and the sounds they make, as well as learning sight words to help us start reading!

We hope you had a great summer! Mrs. Long



FYI

Virtue of the Week

FORESIGHT meaning: Consideration of the consequences of one's actions; thinking ahead

LOOKS LIKE: Writing yourself a reminder so that you are prepared Looking outside at the weather and dressing appropriately. Thinking ahead. Taking time to pray about a decision. Someone thinking

SOUNDS LIKE: I will get things ready for tomorrow. I will bring some water, a hat, sun block, and my sunglasses with me to the beach. If I do that, then this will happen... "Dear Jesus, enlighten my mind to know and do the right thing." "I can't do that because..."

LUKE 14:28-32

For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends an embassy and asks terms of peace.

After School Questions: Asking “How was school today?” might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster’s day:

- “What’s the coolest thing that happened? What wasn’t so cool?”
- “Pretend you’re the teacher. How would you describe the day?”
- “What made you laugh?”
- “What was the most creative thing you did?”
- “How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?”

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.

From Rosary Altar Society: As you probably have heard, St. Mary Parish is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Stephanie Hollister on Friday, September 13th from 4-7pm. All funds raised will be used to help Stephanie's family purchase a wheelchair left van which will greatly help with her transport. We need our parish family to work together to make this event a success. You can help in a variety of ways.

1. Bring your family to the dinner and make a free will donation.

2. If you are unable to attend, write a check to Jan Hollister and mail it to the church with attention to Ann Langford/Rosary Altar Society.
3. Share the attached poster with your family and friends via email or social media to help us spread the word.
4. Donate a dessert for the dinner. It can be dropped off at church on the day of the event.
5. Call or text Ann Langford at 313-702-7722 to sign up to help prepare food on Thursday morning, September 12th or to help serve/cleanup at the dinner on Friday, September 13th.
6. Help the Rosary Altar Society and Men's Club set up for the dinner on Friday, September 13th beginning at 1:00 pm.

Blessings to all,

Ann Langford

St. Mary Rosary Altar Society

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

Wisdom 9:13-18b Luke 14:25-33

This Old Testament reading points out what is truly important in life. The message is clear—put God first.

Throughout the ages, people have prayed for wisdom and searched for the meaning of life. This reading stresses that wisdom comes from God. Many obstacles can get in the way of wisdom, but the Holy Spirit provides guidance and direction.

In the gospel Jesus tells his followers that whoever follows him will need to put God first before all else. Jesus stresses that living for the kingdom of God must come before family, friends, and even life itself.

The gospel reminds us that following Jesus is not without cost. A disciple must be ready to give up everything for God. The good news is that by turning our lives over to God, we gain life, love and freedom.

- How can you put God first in your life?
- What do you have that would be hard to give up?
- How can things we have keep us from loving God?

Self-Renunciation as Requirement for Discipleship

Jesus tells us that in order to follow him we must give up everything. Jesus modeled this kind of self-emptying when he obeyed his heavenly Father to the point of suffering and dying upon the cross.

Putting the kingdom of God first and turning our lives over to God is a life-long spiritual process. As we grow in faith, we begin to understand that God wants what is best for us. Growing in trust helps us to give our lives over to God.

When we get too attached to other people or to material things we can forget that God comes first. When we put God first, we are freer to love God and one another.

The Gospel in Life

How will you place your concerns into God's hands this week?

ST. MARY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

If you would like your child to have an opportunity to grow musically, sign them up for St. Mary Children's Choir.

We are looking for students from 3rd-8th grade to join us. Every student who would like to participate must first, have a vocal assessment and be approved for acceptance by the director. The reason for this is to assess musical skill, vocal health, the ability to follow instructions, and mature behavior for Mass. As Catholics we acknowledge the many and varied gifts given to each of us, not all are musically gifted and that is okay. There are also certain times when it is not good for the voice to undergo great strain as the voice is changing.

Children's choir will rehearse, **Fridays from 3:15-4:00**, in collaboration with the school calendar. Drop off will be directly from St. Mary School or parents may walk them into the church. **Pick up will be at the Main Parish Entrance.**

They will then sing at the Friday all school Masses. Parents will be expected to drop the children off from **8:00-8:10 for warm up on Fridays.**

\$15 printing/music purchase fee for the semester per student (payable first or second day of class; checks should be made out to St. Mary Parish with "children's choir" in the memo). If a family has difficulty in paying this, please let me, Kathleen Rea, know and we will work something out.

The choir will be singing on Fridays, occasionally on weekends, and Christmas/Easter!

This choir is also open to homeschooled children. Our first day of Rehearsal will be Friday, September, 6th 2019, @ 3:15.

Please Sign Up.

Please direct any questions or enquiries to Kathleen Rea krea@stmarypinkey.org 734-878-3161

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.

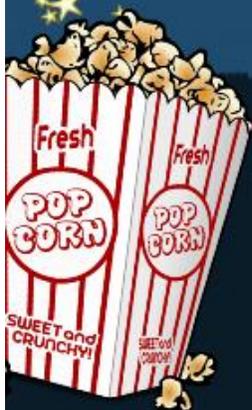


Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th @ SUNDOWN

\$1 concessions open at 7:00 p.m.
Pizza, Hotdogs, Popcorn, Candy & Refreshments

BRING A BLANKET, YOUR FAMILY & ENJOY THE SHOW!



*Goonies, The Sandlot or E.T.?
Winning movie will be announced
at Back-to-School night*

Stardust Movie Rentals 20'x24' screen!

Hosted by St. Mary Social Team

**FREE
ENTRY**

Made with Popcorn. Rain or wind the show will go on...in the St. Mary gymnasium

SANDLOT WILL BE THE MOVIE!!!

St. Mary Parish

Men's Club Presents

COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST



Sunday September 8, 2019
From 8:30am to 11:00am

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds to be used for Parish Kitchen Maintenance



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!**



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