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**

**November 14, 2019**

**Week – At – A - Glance**

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| Friday, November 15, 2019   | 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5  
                            | Special Turkey Lunch preordered  
                            | 3:15 Children’s Choir  
                            | 3:15 Wildbot Robotics |
| Monday, November 18, 2019   | Morning Prayer; gr. 6  
                            | 3:15 Wildbot Robotics  
                            | 3:15-4:15 Homework Help |
| Tuesday, November 19, 2019  | 7:30 Band 5th grade  
                            | 4:30 JV and Varsity Boys’ Basketball home against AA Christian |
| Wednesday, November 20, 2019| 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 6  
                            | 3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics |
| Thursday, November 21, 2019 | 7:30 6-8 Band only  
                            | 3:15-4:15 Homework Help  
                            | 3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics  
                            | 3:15 Chess Club  
                            | 4:30 Boys’ JV and Varsity Basketball home against SSA Ply. |
| Friday, November 22, 2019   | 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5 |
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

Thank you so much: Your time to come in and speak with teachers this week was greatly appreciated. We are a village and we all need to work together to help the children become who God has planned for them to be. This can only happen when we are on the same page. Special thanks to the teaching staff who worked through the snow storm and traveled the roads in the dark to get home afterwards.

PTC NEWS: Greetings St. Mary Families!

Are you interested in finding new ways to get involved at our school? Is your time limited, but would be willing to give a couple of hours? We have two upcoming fundraising events for our school and need you!

Below is a Signup Genius for the 1st event - The Rosary Altar Society Christmas Bazaar on December 7th from 9:30-4:30pm.

We are partnering with the RAS to fundraise for our school! We are in need of someone to lead or co-lead this one day event!

This can be also be a FUN family event! We are looking for 2-3 kids at each time slot to greet guests into the building and let them know we are available to check coats and wrap gifts! Kids are encouraged to wear St. Mary Swag and Santa hats!

We need 2 gift wrappers throughout the day. Follow the link below to donate items and/or volunteer a 2 hour time slot.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CAEA82CABFA7-rosary

Please contact Kimberly Hogan or Mary Fill to get more details!
Water Bottle Filling Station: It’s here and installed! Thank you to A Select Plumbing for the installation. The kiddos tried it out on Monday and were very impressed! Now all I need is a little stucco and some paint and the wall is good to go. Thank you once again for all our donors who made this happen!

Wildbot Robotics: Good Luck to our 4th and 5th grade robotics team, the Wildbots. They are headed off to competition this Saturday at Brighton High School. They have programmed their robot to complete five challenges which includes building the robot and making the code for it to do all of the
challenges. The robot has to complete as many challenges as possible in a certain amount of time. If you are in the area on Saturday, stop in and cheer them on. The competition runs until 5:00.

Parenting Enrichment Class Presented by Michigan State University Extension: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting is a five week presentation for parents and caregivers. In this curriculum authored by Bob Sornson, parents will learn about supporting their child’s success in school and life. Topics will include developing successful family routines, helping develop emotional control, being a calm and assertive parent, establishing rules and supportive relationships, and building resilience—allowing children to make mistakes. Sessions will take place on Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29, and February 5 from 6:30-8:00pm. These classes are open to all families in our community.
Well I think we have jumped right into winter! While the snow makes for some crazy driving days, it is beautiful to look at a white world and fun to play in for winter sports enthusiasts! Please be sure that your child is ready for the winter conditions as we will be outside at lunch recess unless the temperature falls below zero degrees. Students wishing to play in the snow need boots and snow pants to stay dry. Waterproof gloves are wonderful too.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

MRS. MABLE’S CLASSES
Greetings from the 8th grade,

The class is busy preparing for the Christmas concert/play which will follow the 50’s theme of the auction. They are working hard to memorize their parts as well as keep up with school work.

In Religion, we are studying the four marks of the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. In Literature, we are working in our Anthology and studying short stories and writing essays. Currently the class is finishing the America and Me essay contest. They are writing about their personal Michigan Hero.

In Social Studies, we just finished studying the Constitution. We will be exploring the first government and the rise of political parties.

Pray for the class as they prepare for high school and strive to become positive examples to the younger students.

Mrs. Mable and the 8th grade

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

On behalf of my family and the Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship committee, I would like to thank everyone who attended, donated to, and performed at the scholarship fundraiser last Friday. We raised just short of our highest amount ever! I am so very grateful! I would like to extend a special thank you to the St. Mary’s Men’s Club, The Casserole Crew, Mr. Pat Hohl, Mrs. Carissa Poroko, Mr. Dan Leonard, and our special volunteers. It is only through your willingness to help and generous donations that this event was such a success. May God bless you all!
Sincerely, Lynn Robinson (Tricia’s cousin and scholarship committee chairperson)

**FYI**

**Virtue of the Week**

**GRATITUDE meaning:** Thankful disposition of mind and heart

**LOOKS LIKE:** Smiling at your mom after she cooks dinner, The Blessed Mother singing the Magnificat, Receiving the LEGOS with a smile, Appreciating friends, Praying after I receive Jesus in Holy Communion

**SOUNDS LIKE:** Thank you, mom, for this delicious dinner. The Almighty has done great things for me! Thank you for letting me use your LEGOS. Thank you for being my friend. Silence. Thank you, Jesus, for coming into my heart.

*LUKE 22:14–20*

*And when the hour came, he sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.***

**Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip:** Find ways to be active every day. You might even write down a list of fun stuff to do, so you can refer to it when it is...
time to stop watching TV or playing video games. Your mission, if you choose to accept, is to spend two hours or less in front of a screen every day! Use this time to get active instead.

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

**Enrollment Week of Nov. 11-15, 2019**

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Cold is Cool – 4th and 5th Graders Ski Free! Cold is Cool – Program Details

- Proof of 4th or 5th grade status is required. One page of a report card or progress report is sufficient. If the child is home schooled, the parent or guardian can include a note stating the child’s grade equivalent. Please note! Put your child’s name and address in the “Ship To” column if you are ordering online.
- MSIA charges $20 for the Cold is Cool Passport which covers printing, shipping and postage fees.
- The Passport is valid through April 30, or the end of the 2019/20 ski season. In order for fourth and fifth graders to use the free lift or trail pass coupons, **their photo must be affixed to the inside front of the passport and a paying adult must accompany them.** “We feel that fourth and fifth graders should be supervised by an adult while on the slopes and trails. Our intention is to make this a fun, affordable and safe activity for the entire family,” says Mickey MacWilliams, MSIA Executive Director. With the Passport, up to two kids can ski free with each paying adult.
Want to see what the Passport looks like? [Click here for a sample version.](#) Be sure to check out all the special offers in the back too.
Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.


This Old Testament reading calls to mind the end times. Malachi is writing for a growing number of people who are straying away from God. This passage gives the people a wake-up call to examine their lives and get back on track morally. The prophet speaks of a coming “day of the Lord,” which will bring judgment upon them, punishing the guilty and rewarding the just.

In the gospel Jesus predicts the terrifying events of the end times. Jesus tells of the destruction of the beautiful temple and of wars, earthquakes, famines and plagues. Believers will be persecuted because of Jesus’ name. Jesus warns listeners not to be led astray.

Yet, amidst these devastating predictions, Jesus offers his followers reassurance and hope. Out of persecution comes the opportunity for believers to testify and stand up for their faith. The faithful have reason to trust in Jesus who will provide words of wisdom. Even in the face of death, Jesus promises that “not a hair of your head will be harmed.”

- What do these readings tell us about the final days?
What helps you get through hard times?
How does Jesus offer you comfort and hope?

**Justice**

As Catholic Christians we are called to work for justice. Working for justice includes standing up for the rights of all people so that they can live with dignity and hope. Pope John XXIII outlined basic human rights as the right to life and a worthwhile manner of living, the right which respects one’s person regardless of sex, ethnic background, religion or nationality, the right to freely pursue and express the truth, the right to a basic education, the right to worship, the right to gainful work, decent working conditions and proper compensation, the right to meet and associate, and the right to emigrate (Richard P. McBrien, Catholicism, New Edition, Harper SanFrancisco, p944).

Justice is a quality of faithful persons who love God and therefore love their neighbor. Justice is the virtue that helps us work for changes in our community and world in order to protect the rights of others. In the words of Pope Paul VI: “If you want peace, work for justice.”

**The Gospel in Life**

This week find out about groups or organizations that exist in your community to help promote justice.
St. Mary Rosary Altar Society

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 7, 2019

10:00 – 4:00

Location: St. Mary Church, 10601 Dexter Pinckney Road, Pinckney, Michigan

Faith in God includes faith in His timing
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Annual
Community Christmas Breakfast

Sunday December 8, 2019
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FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds Provide Food Baskets for
Our Neighbors in Need &
Funding for Our Community Food Banks
Gleaners, Love Inc. & St Mary

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Fried
Hash Brown Potatoes
Biscuits & Sausage
Gravy
Quiche, Pancakes
Toast-Regular &
Raisin French Toast &
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Ham, Pork Sausage
Links
Coffee, Tea, Milk,
& Orange Juice
And the Famous
Waffle Station!

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to
Help our Neighbors

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