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 21, 2019**

**Week – At – A - Glance**

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| Wednesday, December 4, 2019 | ◆ 4:30 JV and Varsity Boys’ Basketball home against St. Paul
                           | ◆ 6:00 Education Team Meeting                                        |
| Thursday, December 5, 2019  | ◆ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 8                                     |
|                             | ◆ 7:30 Band; grs. 6-8                                               |
|                             | ◆ 4:30 JV and Varsity Boys’ Basketball home against Emerson          |
| Friday, December 6, 2019    | ◆ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 3                                        |

**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**

Raffle Tickets are coming due on Monday, December 2!

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

A tote will is in the gathering space for donations for the gift wrapping day! Items we need:

**Generic Christmas Wrapping Paper avoiding kid prints**

**Ribbon**

**Tape**

**Boxes**

**Tissue Paper**

Please contact Kimberly Hogan or Mary Fill to get more details!

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**Operation Drop Your Kids Off At St. Mary:** Christmas is the busiest time of the year! St. Mary Parent Teacher Council is offering a great opportunity to drop your kids off!

We are opening this up to the first 60 kids!

Come to the Knights of Columbus Breakfast With Santa on December 14th and then leave them with us from 10:30am-3pm. Charge is $25 per family.
Activities in the gym, pizza lunch and Christmas movie provided. Elementary School aged children.

Call the parish office to register or go to: https://stmarypinckney.org/parent-teacher-council/

We still have many slots that need filled for the Operation Drop Your Kids off to St. Mary! TO make this event a SUCCESS, please tell your family, neighbors and friends about this event. We have approx 10 activities planned in the gym for the kids to do, plus lunch and a Christmas movie planned for the day.

We need 1 adult per 10 kids, so we are hoping to get 6 adults per hour to host a total of 60 kids for the day! If the demand is larger than 60 - I would like to get more volunteers! We are starting to get families signed-up and I would hate to have to cancel this fundraiser for our school because we cannot fill volunteer
slots. We can use National Honor Society students that need volunteer hours to run the activities in the gym.

Also, the Knights of Columbus always do a great job with Breakfast With Santa and this would be a great way to spend an hour with the kiddos in the morning and leave them to go get the holiday "to-do-list" done.

Visit:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CAEA82CABFA7-operation
to sign up to help. If you have any questions, please call Kimberly Hogan 517-404-8794.

THANK YOU!!!!

**First LEGO Robotics Wildbot Team:** Congratulations to our Robotics Wildbot Team grades 4/5 on their tournament journey this past weekend. Our team presented its robot missions, talked about core values, and presented their research project. They did a great job and brought home the school’s first trophy in robotics for their research presentation. The students and coaches put in a lot of time before the tournament to prepare for this day. Students wrote code, built a robot or two, researched an issue in the community and then develop a plan for that would positively impact the community in a way that would help resolve that issue. They presented to our parish Knights of Columbus representatives in preparation of presenting to the Hamburg Township Council. They developed research boards and made a power point presentation too. We are so WILDCAT PROUD OF THEM!
Pictured above left to right: back row Todd Darling, Clara Miller, Andersen Meisner, Katelyn Sanchez. Front row Hunter Oliver, Bo Cooke, Jimmy Hogan, and Connor Ryan. Not pictured: Danielle Martyka
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.
PIZZA LUNCH: We will be having a pizza lunch fundraiser for grades 7-8 on Monday, December 9. Students will be selling advanced slices on Thursday, December 5 before school. We will be having Hot and Ready pepperoni pizza. The cost is $1.00 per slice. The money earned will help with the cost of a Chicago trip in the spring. Thank you ahead of time 7th and 8th grade classes.
Special Cathy Phipps Lunch: Friday, December 13: $2.00 Mostaccioli, green beans, Christmas cookie. Preorders due on Tuesday, December 10. Please send to office.

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. ANDERSON’S PRE-3

The littlest wildcats are pouncing into this school year as we learn and grow together! This fall, the students have become inquisitive learners, kind friends, and followers of Jesus through their work and play. We have studied colors, letters, apples, dinosaurs, fire safety, and seasonal traditions, just to name a few things. Most recently, we have been working on turkey projects, learning about the 1st Thanksgiving, and giving thanks for all our blessings. If you stop
by our classroom you can see our hard work displayed in the hallway! We wish you and your family peace, happiness, and lots of fun this holiday season!

Happy Thanksgiving! From, The 3 Year Preschool Wildcats
We have been having a great first semester in the four-year-old preschool class! We are looking forward to hosting our upcoming Thanksgiving Feast with Mrs. Anderson’s three-year-old classroom. In preparation, we are currently busy making tablecloths, pilgrim hats and feather necklaces to wear at the feast.

As we prepare for the holiday season, we are focusing on being thankful, most importantly, being thankful to God. We have also been learning about helping others by reaching out and doing good deeds. In order to help bring this to life, we celebrated Veterans Day by wearing red, white and blue while making cards for Veterans. The cards were sent home with students who have family or friends who are Veterans. We are currently making cards for Catholic Social Services and participating in a Pajama Drive for children in need.

Above all, one of the most important aspect of early childhood education, and one of the common threads throughout the preschool curriculum, is the development of soft skills. Soft skills are, “personal attributes that enable someone to interact effectively and harmoniously with other people”. In the preschool years, this means working on things such as social skills (saying “good-morning, making eye-contact, greeting adults), problem solving (sharing, working together, cooperating) and self-control (sitting for a story, waiting for a turn, controlling emotions). One of the great things about St. Mary Preschool is that we can incorporate these skills while teaching about our Catholic Faith. This gives real meaning to the students and helps our young learners understand why we do the things we do!

We have been fortunate to experience the first snowfall of the year and have been having a grand time playing outside. As you know, this is always an exciting time for young children. Have you seen the “snowman party” on the playground........?

Happy Holidays! Mrs. Stodart and Mrs. Prosniewski

Pictured below are Jim Hardest and his wife Julia who received a Veteran’s Day card from our preschool. Also pictured are the Preschool 4 year olds on Red, White, and Blue Day!
Happy November! It’s hard to believe we’re already into the second quarter! We are busy learning our sight words. So far, we have learned the words: am, a, have, I, is, the, like, little, my, to, and we. We are also learning to blend letter sounds together to sound out words we don’t know. Pretty soon we will be reading and writing on our own. We are also working on our handwriting. We are learning proper formation and placement on the lines.

In Math, we just started to learn about numbers. We have also learned about patterns, more and less, and positional words. In Social Studies, we have been learning about communities and community helpers. We also learned about voting and voted on the second graders snack presentations. We also had a mock election for president between Clifford and Duck. We drew campaign posters, talked about what would make each character a good president, and voted.

In Science, we are just starting a unit on Force and Motion. In Religion we have been learning about how God gives us feelings and how he makes us each unique. We also have been learning about how God made our families each special and unique. We hope you are having a wonderful school year and have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!
Virtue of the Week

PRAYERFULNESS meaning: Being still, listening, and being willing to talk to God as a friend
LOOKS LIKE: Folding my hands when I pray, Focusing on Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Looking at the priest during Mass, Kneeling in the pew, Closing your song book quietly

SOUNDS LIKE: Silence, Praying out loud with a group of people

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand.

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Lack of sleep can reduce your ability to fight infections. Stay healthy by getting 8 hours of sleep every night. As long as you exercise two hours before bed, exercise can improve the quality of your sleep.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

FIRST QUARTER

HIGH HONORS

John Westerberg
Patrick Burke
Zachary Anderson
Norah Stuke

Raphaella Gonzalez
Olivia Domen
Nathaniel Garbarz
Isabella Wittrup

HONORS

Mia Hilliard
Paulina O'Donohue
Erin Stuk
Madison Cooke
Charles Connelly

Finnegan Beecher
Drake Wallace
Rhett Vanderwal
Trenten Caldie
Peter Hilliard
# St. Mary Catholic School by the Numbers

**Enrollment Week of Nov. 18-Dec. 5, 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.


On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the feast of Christ the King. In this feast we recognize and honor Christ as ruler of all.

The Old Testament reading recalls the anointing of David, King of Israel. David was Israel’s first true king. The people choose David because they believe that he is God’s choice to shepherd the people of Israel. David also has led many military victories for the people of Israel. In this passage, the leaders bring two kingdoms together by acclaiming David as King—Judah in the south and Israel in the north.

This gospel will not allow us to confuse Christ’s reign with earthly power and prestige. The image of Jesus suffering and dying on the cross reveals to us a king with a different kind of power. By the power of his love, Jesus is shown to be a king who is willing to die for the salvation of all.

In this passage, while Jesus hangs on the cross, the leaders and soldiers who taunt him wonder what kind of king he is. A criminal, who is beside Jesus, asks to be taken into Jesus’ kingdom. This gospel account helps us to see that Christ is the king who cannot be overcome by the world, or by sin, or by death.
His reign brings salvation to the outcast and the sinner, and brings hope to us all.

- Why do kings and rulers have power?
- How does Jesus use his power?
- How does Jesus overcome death?

**Christ the King**

The image of Christ the King that we find in this Gospel challenges our ideas of what a king or ruler should be. Jesus is not seated on a luxurious throne surrounded by people who await his command. Instead, the king in the gospel scene is mocked and left to die on a cross.

We could say that the cross is the throne of Christ the king, because by the power of his love Jesus conquered death. By his cross and resurrection Jesus Christ has brought about the salvation of all people. Jesus is ruler of all and everything and everyone are subject to the power of his saving love and goodness.

**The Gospel in Life**

How can you honor Christ the King this week?
Holiday Food Drive

It’s time for our annual Holiday Food Drive. Over the next few weeks, we are asking for donations to help with the Men’s Club Christmas Baskets. St. Mary’s Men’s Club provides food baskets each year to those families in need during the holidays.

Once again, we have broken the items down per class to spread out the items needed. Please have all food items turned in by Wednesday, December 18th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lisa Wack at 810-231-6116. God Bless You!

**Please check the expiration date on ALL food items that you send in. We are not allowed to give out any expired food. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

Preschool

Boxes/bags of Stuffing

Kindergarten

Cranberry sauce

1st Grade

Gravy

2nd Grade

Chili

3rd Grade

Canned Chicken

4th Grade

Paper Towel

5th Grade

Sloppy Joe Sauce

6th Grade

Mixed Vegetables

7th Grade

Mashed Potatoes

8th Grade

Jelly

Cereal and Peanut Butter is also a main staple that is always needed.
Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, December 7, 2019
10:00 – 4:00

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

FREE ADMISSION FREE PARKING OVER 130 crafters and vendors

BAKE SALE, RAFFLE, 50/50, LUNCH and REFRESHMENTS

For information call Mary at 734-878-6563.
St. Mary Parish
Annual
Community Christmas Breakfast

Sunday December 8, 2019
From 8:30am to 11:00am
FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds Provide Food Baskets for Our Neighbors in Need & Funding for Our Community Food Banks Gleaners, Love Inc. & St Mary

AREA'S BEST MENU!
- Eggs-Scrambled or Fried
- Hash Brown Potatoes
- Biscuits & Sausage Gravy
- Quiche, Pancakes
- Toast-Regular & Raisin French Toast & Raisin French Toast
- Ham, Pork Sausage Links
- Coffee, Tea, Milk, & Orange Juice

And the Famous
Waffle Station!

We Join as a Family to Help our Neighbors

NEW Breakfast Burrito!

50/50 Raffle
- 1ST Prize Half the POT!
- 2nd Prize Certificate to Bock's General

Sponsored by St Mary Men's Club
St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd