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 7, 2019**

**Week –At – A - Glance**

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| **Friday, November 8, 2019**| 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7  
12:00 7th Grade Retreat  
3:15 Children’s Choir  
3:30-7:00 Pasta Dinner Music Scholarship |
| **Monday, November 11, 2019**| Morning Prayer; gr. 6  
**Special Turkey Lunch $2.00 due**  
½ Day of school; 12:00 Dismissal  
Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00-7:00 |
| **Tuesday, November 12, 2019**| Spirit Wear Day  
7:30 Band 5th grade  
**Book Fair Open** to students  
½ Day of school; 12:00 Dismissal  
Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00-6:00 |
| **Wednesday, November 13, 2019**| 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 6  
3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics |
| **Thursday, November 14, 2019**| 7:30 6-8 Band only  
**Book Fair Open to students**  
3:15-4:15 **Homework Help** |
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| Friday, November 15, 2019     | - 3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics  
- 3:15 Chess Club               |
|                               | - 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5  
- Special Turkey Lunch preordered  
- 3:15 Children’s Choir       |
| Saturday, November 16, 2019   | - Wildbot Robotics Competition at  
Brighton High School             |
|                               | - **Option to sell Raffle Tickets after ALL Masses**                      |

**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**

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Please click on the link below and pick a time to meet with your student’s teacher.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094DACAB2AA46-parentteacher2](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094DACAB2AA46-parentteacher2)

The annual **Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship Fundraiser** is coming on **Friday, November 8 from 3:15 to 7:00 pm.** It will be a pasta and salad bar dinner. The pasta sauce will be home made and the salad toppings will be...
plentiful! The cost is a fee will donation. Take out will also be available. This year we will also have live musical performances from some of our school musicians! Please come and support our only fundraiser of the year. Thank you! If you are able to help in anyway, please click the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F49A8A929A2FC1-tricia

NOVEMBER SPECIAL LUNCH: November 15th Cathy Phipps and her crew will be providing another special lunch for our students. It will be turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, and pumpkin bar. **The cost is $2.00. Please send your order in by Monday, November 11th in an envelope marked turkey lunch and your student’s name.**

NAME ON ITEMS OF CLOTHING: As we transition into the cooler weather and then cold weather, your children will be bringing more items to school for
outdoor gear. You might be surprised that children forget what they brought to school in the morning by the end of the day and all items look alike. It is very helpful if items are labeled with student names or initials. This will save you time and money of having to repurchase items and it will cut down on the number of items in our lost and found. We often find school uniforms. I’m not sure what they are wearing when they leave here! 😊

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Our annual Scholastic book fair will be November 10-17, 2019. Maria Gonzalez who chairs our Library, is requesting help to sell books to students during the day. In order to value your time spent volunteering, Mrs. Gonzalez has shortened the time of purchasing. Please see the sign-up below for days and times that are needed for this very important event.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BACAF2BAB9-scholastic](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BACAF2BAB9-scholastic)

**Parenting Enrichment Class Presented by** [Michigan State University Extension](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BACAF2BAB9-scholastic): **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, November 13 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.)

As we transition to the cooler days, please be sure your child has outdoor clothing as students will go outside unless the temperature falls below zero or it is raining.

Enjoy the fall colors while they are here. It is so beautiful this time of year in the state of Michigan. We are blest to have such beauty around us.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS
Mrs. Villegas’ Classes

The 7th grade Science class just completed their Biome Travel presentations! We explored the different characteristics of biomes located in exotic countries such as Rainforest and also domestic biomes such as deciduous forests here in the Midwest and deserts located in Arizona. The 7th graders created a travel agency to advertise why that biome is perfect to visit if you are a nature enthusiast!

Currently, we are exploring environmental issues taking place all around the world with respect to current events. We are preparing a newscast to present along with an infomercial on the variety of solutions that help to reduce pollution and waste, and recycle reusable materials that can be made into products like shoes. We are excited about this project to help preserve God’s beautiful creation.
In our 7th grade Religion class we are exploring the characteristics of venial sins and mortal sins. We discussed temptation and different ways in which we may resist so that we can be closer to God. This past quarter we explored personalities and the roles with which we identify to help us be more like Christ.
Virtue of the Week

**GENEROSITY meaning:** Giving of oneself in a willing and cheerful manner for the good of others

**LOOKS LIKE:** Spending time with someone else, Smiling, Thinking of others first, Sharing with someone, Bringing food to the poor.

**SOUNDS LIKE:** Would you like to play with me? Silence, I will push you on the swing first. Would you like this? I gave food to the poor.

*2 Corinthians 9:6–8*

*The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.*

**Auction News:** The 2020 St. Mary Auction Committee is off to a great start, thanks to all our dedicated parent volunteers who attended the committee meeting this week!

*To all St. Mary Families:* A successful auction relies not only on parent volunteers but also on relationships we have within the community. Everyone here at St. Mary can help our school with our biggest fundraiser of the year even if you cannot come to meetings or officially head a committee!

The auction committee is asking each family to think about any relationships you may have in our area that could help us cultivate critical inroads for a successful auction. If you know someone who may want to get involved with our auction either as a donor for baskets, sponsor for a table, or through advertising, donating a live auction item, etc. please let us know. And, if you have ideas but aren’t quite sure if/how they will work out, we are here to brainstorm to help you help our school!
The opportunities for people in your network to contribute to our auction are endless! We can do something with any type of contribution. Please take a minute to think about your contacts and network and let us know if they may want to get involved in some way.

Here are some examples of the types of organizations in the greater-Detroit area who may have something to contribute:

- Businesses
- Attractions
- Teams
- Travel opportunity
- Family fun
- Birthday party
- Adult night out
- Membership clubs
- Classes for adults or kids, or other organizations that might provide a service, product, entertainment attraction or opportunity that would be appealing to the St. Mary community.

If you have relationships with business owners, athletic club members/staff, restaurants, beauty salons, etc. who are worth approaching please let us know by emailing auction@stmarypinckney.org or find Donna Aulette at school. Once we hear from you, we will first check to see if your contact is already on our auction outreach list, in which case they may already have received a letter from us. This is good, but using your relationship to grow the opportunity is even better!

And remember this is a good opportunity for THEM too! Getting involved with our auction gets their name in front of the St. Mary community which we all know is an awesome place to be! Our auction provides any organization in the greater-Detroit area a captive audience made up of some of the coolest people around. Just look at these hip 50s chicks who showed up on Harvest Day to get us all excited for the Fabulous 50s St. Mary auction in February 2020!!
**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.

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

**Enrollment Week of Nov. 4-8, 2019**

**Preschool 3 yr. old**
Teacher: Mrs. Anderson
Total: 12
Male: 4
Female: 8

**Preschool 4 yr. old**
Teacher: Mrs. Stodart
Total: 13
Male: 8
Female: 5

**NEW: 1**

**Kindergarten**
Teacher: Mrs. Long
Total: 13
Male: 3
Female: 10

**First Grade**
Teacher: Mrs. Kacher
Total: 15
Male: 5
Female: 10

**Second Grade**
Teacher: Mrs. Robinson
Total: 11
Male: 7
Female: 4

**Third Grade**
Teacher: Mrs. Houk
Total: 15
Male: 8
Female: 7

**Fourth Grade**
Teacher: Ms. Prosniweski

**Fifth Grade**
Teacher: Mrs. Haberl
Total: 10
Male: 6
Female: 4

Total: 11
Male: 5
Female: 6

**Sixth Grade Homeroom**
Teacher: Mrs. Brock
Total: 7
Male: 4
Female: 3

**Seventh Grade Homeroom**
Teacher: Mrs. Villegas
Total: 22
Male: 13
Female: 9

**Eighth Grade Homeroom**
Teacher: Mrs. Mable
Total: 8
Male: 4
Female: 4

**Eighth Grade Homeroom**
Teacher: Mrs. Mable
Total: 8
Male: 4
Female: 4

Total Children: 138
Male: 67
Female: 71

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**Operation Drop Your Kids Off To St. Mary!**

We are in need of some parents and teens to work a different kind of event at St. Mary! The Knights of Columbus host Breakfast With Santa on December 14th. PTC is offering an opportunity from 10-3pm for parents to bring the kids to breakfast and then leave them with us. Who could not use a few hours to wrap gifts, go shopping or take a breather from the business of the season? We have some fun games and activities planned in the gym followed by lunch and a movie in the gathering space of the church. If you can volunteer for an hour it would certainly help. We will charge $25 a family to keep the kids for the afternoon. We will make a reservation for 60 kids, and we will need 1 adult per 10 kids (18+ will need to be virtues trained to volunteer). We could use kids 14-17 that need service hours to help run the stations that will be set-up in the gym. If you LOVE organizing events and running kids activities, please contact Kimberly Hogan or Mary Fill. Please see the link below if you are interested:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CAEA82CABFA7-operation](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4CAEA82CABFA7-operation)

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

In the Old Testament reading a family of seven brothers and their mother are persecuted for their beliefs. They courageously defend their faith in the face of torture and death. What is notable about this passage is that the last brother professes belief in a resurrection from the dead. This is significant because at the time belief in an afterlife was a relatively new idea.

It is their belief in an afterlife that gives this family the strength and conviction to die for their faith. As it is presented in this passage, the wicked will perish and only the just will be raised.

In the gospel reading some Sadducees question Jesus about the resurrection. They want to discredit Jesus in front of the people. The Sadducees, a religious group who accepted only the Torah, did not believe in the resurrection of the dead.

The question they ask Jesus is about the marital status of seven brothers in the next life. According to the Law of Moses, the brother of a man who dies is to marry his widow in order to have a child to carry on his family line. The Sadducees try to trick Jesus into going against the Torah. Jesus gives his answer, and his argument comes from the Torah in favor of belief in the resurrection. He skillfully turns the question from a legal riddle to a question of the works of God. Jesus affirms the belief in life after death.

- What is eternal life?
- How does believing in an afterlife help us to live our daily lives?
- How do you stand up for what you believe?

**Doctrinal Discussion Starters**

**Heaven and Hell**

We believe that death is not an end to life. When we die our lives change. We pass into a new existence beyond our lives on earth. Catholic teaching holds that in the next life there are three modes of existence, heaven, purgatory and hell. Our focus for today is heaven and hell.

Hell is the everlasting separation from God. We believe that we are united with God when we freely choose to love God and others. We can choose to separate from God. When we sin we separate from God by our own free choice. Jesus warns that if we do not love our neighbor and care for the needs of others we
will be separated from his presence. God is a loving God and acts to save all, but some choose to reject God. Hell is the inheritance of all who knowingly turn away from God’s love.

Heaven is eternal life and happiness with God. We believe that those who die in friendship with God live in union with God forever. By his saving death and resurrection, Jesus Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us. Union with God is accomplished through Christ. Eternal life with God fulfills our deepest desire for happiness.

The Gospel in Life

This week how can you make choices that help you grow closer to God?
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

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.