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**

**October 31, 2019**

**Week –A t – A - Glance**

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<td>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8; <strong>All Saints Day</strong>&lt;br&gt;❖ First Friday Food Drive&lt;br&gt;❖ 11:00 Harvest Parties&lt;br&gt;❖ ½ Day of school; Dismissal at 12:00&lt;br&gt;❖ Report Cards sent home via Email&lt;br&gt;❖ No Children’s Choir today</td>
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<td>Monday, November 4, 2019</td>
<td>❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 8&lt;br&gt;❖ 3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics&lt;br&gt;❖ 3:15-4:15 <strong>Homework Help</strong></td>
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<td>Tuesday, November 5, 2019</td>
<td>❖ 7:30 Band 5th grade&lt;br&gt;❖ <strong>Salsarita Lunch</strong>&lt;br&gt;❖ Hearing Screening: PK, K, 2, 4&lt;br&gt;❖ Vision Screening: 1, 3, 5, 7&lt;br&gt;❖ Kindergarten Trip to VG’s Grocery</td>
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<td>❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 4&lt;br&gt;❖ 3:15-5:00 Wildbot Robotics&lt;br&gt;❖ <strong>6:00 Fall Sports Banquet</strong>&lt;br&gt;❖ 7:00 Finance Meeting</td>
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**Friday, November 8, 2019**

**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**

**PARKING LOT ISSUES!** IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES PUT IN PLACE IN THE PARKING LOT TO KEEP ALL CHILDREN SAFE! K-8 STUDENTS NEED TO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CURB AND THEN PARENTS PARK THE CAR IF YOU NEED TO COME INTO
THE BUILDING. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE WALKING THROUGH THE PARKING LOT. AS YOU SAW AT MORNING DROP OFF TODAY, THE LOT WAS DARK AND IT WAS VERY HARD TO SEE CHILDREN WITH THE RAIN AND DARKNESS TOO! PLEASE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUR OWN PIECE OF MIND, FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES SET IN PLACE!

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

Coming Soon! Coming Soon! Coming Soon! Coming Soon!

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: 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
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. BROCK’S CLASSES

One quarter of middle school is complete and the sixth graders have adjusted very nicely to the constant changing of classes. In Religion, we have been focusing on the development of our faith within the Old Testament, Abraham,
and God’s covenant with us. In science, we covered the rock cycle while creating comics about the stages of it before we moved onto index fossils. Next up, we are studying Earth’s history!

Literature for the sixth grade started with a novel study of *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls. With it now completed, we will begin moving into our book and focusing on short stories. They are also looking forward to having their first sixth grade retreat in just a few weeks!

For Literature in seventh grade, we also began with *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. Currently, we are working through a comparison of Aslan the Lion and his sacrifice to Christ. During English, the seventh grade is just finishing adjectives and adverbs before moving to prepositions. In eighth grade English, we are learning about prepositions before moving to conjunctions.
Virtue of the Week

PATRIOTISM meaning: Paying due honor and respect to one’s country, with a willingness to serve

LOOKS LIKE: Showing respect for your country’s flag: Saying the Pledge of Allegiance, Showing respect for symbols and people who represent your country, Learning about your country, Learning and singing patriotic songs. Visiting historic sites, Casting a vote in government elections.

SOUNDS LIKE: I pledge allegiance to the flag...Our country’s symbols have a lot of meaning. I want to learn more about our country. O say can you see. My country 'tis of thee. We went on a field trip to learn more about our country. I will cast my vote in the elections.

EZRA 3:10–11

And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the directions of David king of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures for ever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.
Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Antioxidants in foods help protect our bodies from illness and disease. Fruits and vegetables contain lots of antioxidants, like Vitamins A, C, and E to keep us healthy. The fruit that has the highest amount of antioxidants, or the highest fighting power against disease, is blueberries. Michigan produces over 100 million pounds of blueberries every year.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment Week of Oct. 28-Nov. 1, 2019

Preschool 3 yr. old
Teacher: Mrs. Anderson
Total: 11
Male: 4
Female: 7

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

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. Prosniewski
Total: 10
Male: 6
Female: 4

Fifth Grade
Teacher: Mrs. Haberl
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

**Total Children:** 137

**Total:** 8  
**Male:** 67  
**Female:** 70

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**Fall 2019 TESTING WINDOW**

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I just needed to share this picture of Jack as he comes to school early for band class. Awesome dedication for sure!!
Carry this thought in your heart as a guide for your faith journey this week.

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14   Matthew 5:1-12

John describes a very large crowd of people gathered around the throne of God. Jesus, the Lamb of God is by the throne. An angel places the seal of God on the forehead of God’s servants which will provide protection for them at the time of judgment. The people of the crowd wear white robes indicating that they have been washed clean of their sins by the blood of the Lamb. They wave palm branches that symbolize their victory over evil and their thankfulness to God. We understand that the people of this great crowd are those who were faithful to God in their lives and will now spend eternity with God.

In “The Sermon on the Mount” Jesus preaches the opposite idea of what people know. In the culture of Jesus’ day and in our day still, greatness was acquired through wealth and power. Rich, strong, and powerful people were usually the leaders. Jesus tells us the opposite in this gospel. If we are to be great in the kingdom of God, we must be humble. It will be the poor, the weak, and the lowly who will live forever with God.

- Who are the poor, weak and powerless in our world today that Jesus might be thinking of in this passage?
- How have we seen others care for the poor and weak?
- What can we do from their example?
- What one beatitude do you need to improve in your own life?

The Communion of Saints

The Second Vatican Council made it clear that we, as Christians, are all one Body in Christ and that we are all called to a life of holiness. There are some people in the Body of Christ who, through a formal procedure, are recognized as especially holy. These Saints are our companions in prayer. They are patrons of groups of people and they serve as models for how we will live. However, we are all called to this same holiness and are challenged to witness God’s kingdom through our own actions and words. On All Saints Day, we celebrate the lives of the many people who influenced our lives and serve as models for us. They may be living or dead. They may be well-known or known only to us.
Sacrament Connection

When we approach the table to receive Eucharist, we process together as the Body of Christ. Together we gather around the table in communion. As we prepare to receive the sacrament, we honestly state that we are unworthy, but really want to try to live as God wants us to; indeed, as we are instructed in the beatitudes of this gospel. In the Eucharist, we become one with Jesus and join with one another in taking the love of Jesus into the world even as we leave the building of the church.

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.
St. Mary Parish
Men's Club Presents

COUNTRY STYLE BREAKFAST

Special Guests
Pinckney High School Varsity Pom Team

Sunday
November 3, 2019
Serving 8:30am to 11:00am

FREE WILL DONATION
Proceeds to be used for St Mary Gym Repairs

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

NEW BREAKFAST BURRITO!

Multiple Drawing Raffle
1st Prize Half the Pot
2nd Prize Certificate to Marco's Pizza

St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd - 734-878-3151