

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

February 20, 2020

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, February 21, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Abby and Anna Adams Shadow grs. 4 and 2 ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5 ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir
Saturday, February 22, 2020	❖ 6:00 Fabulous 50's Auction
Monday, February 24, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 6 ❖ Pizza Lunch pre-ordered ❖ 3:15 S.B. Robotics teams 1, 2, 3 ❖ 3:15 Homework Help ❖ 3:30 Keller family Tour
Tuesday, February 25, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Spirit Wear Day ❖ 7:30 Band gr. 5 ❖ Salsarita Lunch ❖ 10:00 Partlow family Preschool Tour
Wednesday, February 26, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7 ASH WEDNESDAY ❖ 4:30 Girls' JV and Varsity Basketball at Steiner ❖ 6:00 S. B. Robotics Team 4
Thursday, February 27, 2020	❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8

	❖ 3:15 Chess Club ❖ 3:15 Homework Help
Friday, February 28, 2020	❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 3 ❖ SALSARITA ORDER FOR MARCH DUE BY 9:00 AM! ❖ 2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 8 ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir

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

WE CAN USE ANY DONATIONS OF PAPER PLATES (ANY SIZE) AND EATING UTENSILS (Any time the kids put something in the microwave, we need to put a paper plate under it according to the health department. We go through a lot of paper plates! Your help is greatly appreciated.

Principal Notes

AUCTION NEWS: *THE FABULOUS 50'S* *AUCTION FEBRUARY 22, 2020!*

The Fabulous 50s AUCTION is February 22nd at 6pm! Come and invite your family and friends. The cost is just \$25 each for a night of fun and dinner! It's time again for our annual auction. Don't miss out on all the fun as we head back to the 1950s.

Please take a look at the auction volunteer sign up on the board in the gathering space. Our biggest needs are kitchen prep on Friday and Saturday February 21-22 and check-in/out and entering bidding data at the event on Saturday February 22.

Remember if you sign up to help you can still come and eat, drink, party and BID!! It's going to be a great time for everyone so we hope to see you all!! AND, in just in case you are worried about how to do your hair 1950s style...see below!



THANKS TO OUR AUCTION RAISE THE PADDLE LAST YEAR WE WERE ABLE TO GET NEW CARPETING IN OUR SCHOOL GATHERING SPACE AND DOWN THE HALLWAY. IT LOOKS SO GREAT!! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED!

2020-2021 Enrollment: Families will be automatically re-enrolled in grades Kindergarten to Seventh grade for next year UNLESS you notify the school office by March 13th. Enrollment fees will be billed to family accounts starting April 1 or 15 depending on when you chose to be your billing date. **Families will receive 2 tuition statements in April.** Please write two separate checks for that billing period. One check for the current school year with your current account number on it and one check for the enrollment fees with the NEW account number on it. Remember they change the account number from year to year so be sure to check the account number to avoid SMART charging a late fee.

ENROLL NOW

Virtue of the Week

CIRCUMSPECTION meaning: Careful consideration of circumstances and consequences

LOOKS LIKE: Pausing to think, Thinking before acting, Praying before acting, Asking for advice from an older, trusted person

SOUNDS LIKE: I should wait before I respond. Let me think about that. Jesus, help me to do what you would do. May I ask you for advice about something? Let me think about what I should do.

PSALM 31:2-6

Incline thy ear to me, rescue me speedily! Be thou a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! Yea, thou art my rock and my fortress; for thy name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net which is hidden for me, for thou art my refuge. Into thy hand I commit my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. Thou hatest those who pay regard to vain idols; but I trust in the LORD.

St. Mary School Scholarship: The St. Mary School Scholarship is now available in the school office. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please come to the school office to pick one up. Application are due to the school office no later than 12:00pm on Friday March 20, 2020. Please know that all applications are kept in the strictest confidence. Only the scholarship committee sees the applications.



DIOCESE OF LANSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW

OPEN! The Diocese of Lansing Scholarship program is a need-based assistance program. Need is determined by an independent, third party service, F.A.C.T.S., which makes its assessment based on income and tax information. However, the FACTS application does have a section that offers the family to list any changes in their financial situation, *and these are taken into consideration by the individual schools.*

Grant Criteria eligibility for all grants:

Families must complete a FACTS financial aid application online **on or before March 1, 2020.**

Student must show a financial need of at least \$750.00

The Student must be Catholic, attend a Diocese of Lansing school, and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Lansing.

Diocese of Lansing Grants available for the 2020/2021 school year:

Diocese of Lansing Grant:

Grades K-8 \$750.00 per student

Grades 9-12 \$1000 per student

The Venerable Augustus Tolton Scholarship:

Grades K-12 \$500.00

In addition to the Grant Criteria for all grants, student must be African-American or Black and show a need of at least \$500.00

All grant applications must be completed by March 1, 2020 online thorough FACTS. By completing the FACTS application, you are applying for all grants available through the Diocese of Lansing. No need to complete an application for each grant.

You will receive a determination letter by May 30th. If you received a grant, your school will be notified and the grant will be sent directly to your school in October of 2020.

Other types of scholarships and grants also are available, depending on your school or parish. We encourage all families to meet with the tuition advisor of the school in which they intend to enroll so that all avenues of financial assistance can be explored.

Applying for Financial Aid

There is a \$30.00 fee payable to FACTS through their online application process. Applicants can complete the online form by clicking the FACTS link here: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

The link will be available December 1, 2019 and will close March 1, 2020. The **deadline for applications is March 1, 2020**. *After March 1, 2020 please contact your school directly.*

Once the FACTS online form has been completed, the following information will need to be submitted to FACTS:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules and W2's.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

All supporting documentation must be uploaded online through the FACTS online form.

If you have questions about the financial assistance process through FACTS, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-441-4637 or Diocese of Lansing, Financial Aid Advisor, Mrs. Renee Fischman at 517-267-2107.

It would be great to have families from our school be able to receive this scholarship. The money that we put into Witness to Hope is where this money is coming from. It would be great to have it come back to help our families. I know it costs \$30 to apply, but if you win the scholarship; it is worth it. You can also apply to the St. Mary Scholarship as well. Applying for one does not mean that you can't apply for the other. (The St. Mary scholarship will not be ready until after the first of the year.)

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

MRS. ANDERSON'S PRE-3 CLASS

The littlest wildcats have been very busy this winter learning and playing together! Since the start of the New Year we have completed our shape studies, learned about Martin Luther King Jr., began studying numbers 1-10, investigated water and ice, and discovered the story of Noah's Ark with our Kindergarten friends. We even made a huge ark loaded with animals that we have proudly hung up in the hallway!



We also celebrated Valentine's Day with a special V.I.P. party. It was a morning full of love as we crafted, played, and ate together with our special guests!



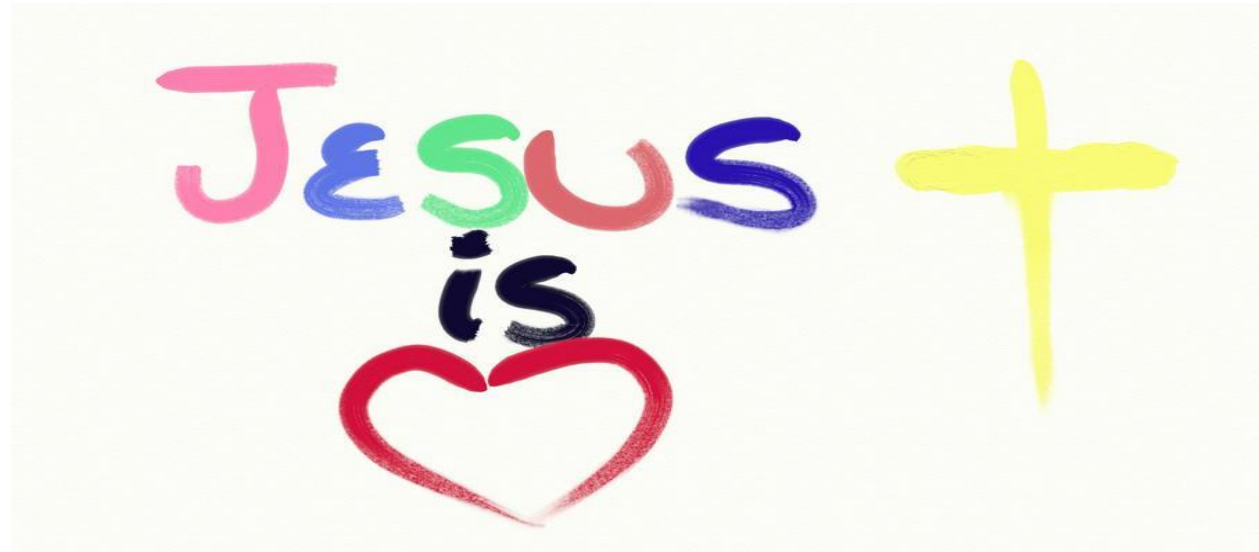
Looking ahead, we will be studying ways to keep our teeth healthy, exploring outer space with a space unit, having a PJ party, and continuing to learn about the love Jesus has for all the children!



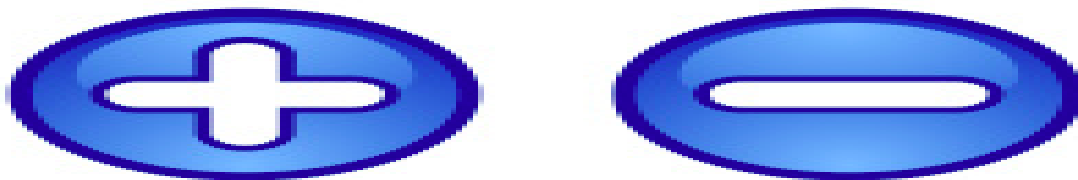
Happy Winter!
From, The 3 Year Preschool Wildcats

MRS. KACHER'S 1ST GRADE CLASS

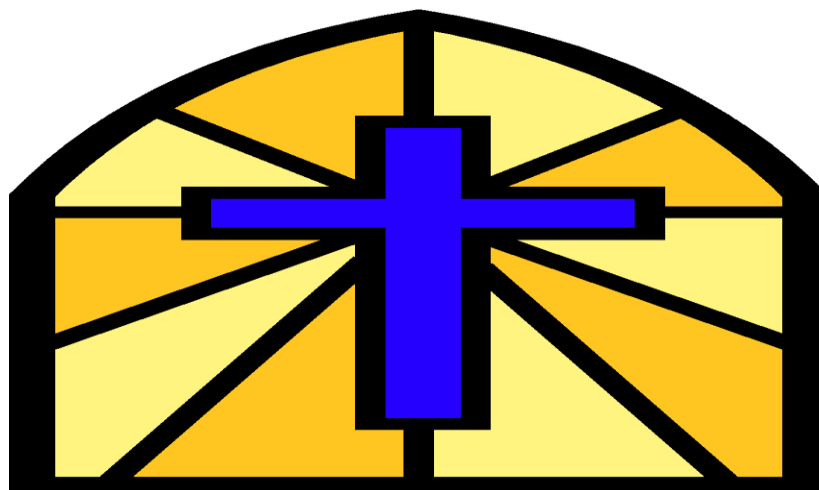
We have been working very hard and having a lot of fun in 1st Grade. In Religion, we are learning how Jesus, who healed and forgave people, asks us to show His love today. The students came up with many great examples of how they can spread love.



We have been enjoying the stories about different communities in our current reading unit. It has been fun comparing how different communities work together and depend on one another. In math, we are practicing new strategies to help us memorize our addition and subtraction facts while also learning about place value.



Our writing the past month has focused on winter and the many fun activities that we can enjoy in the snow and cold. We look forward to the rest of the school year and the many new things we have left to learn.



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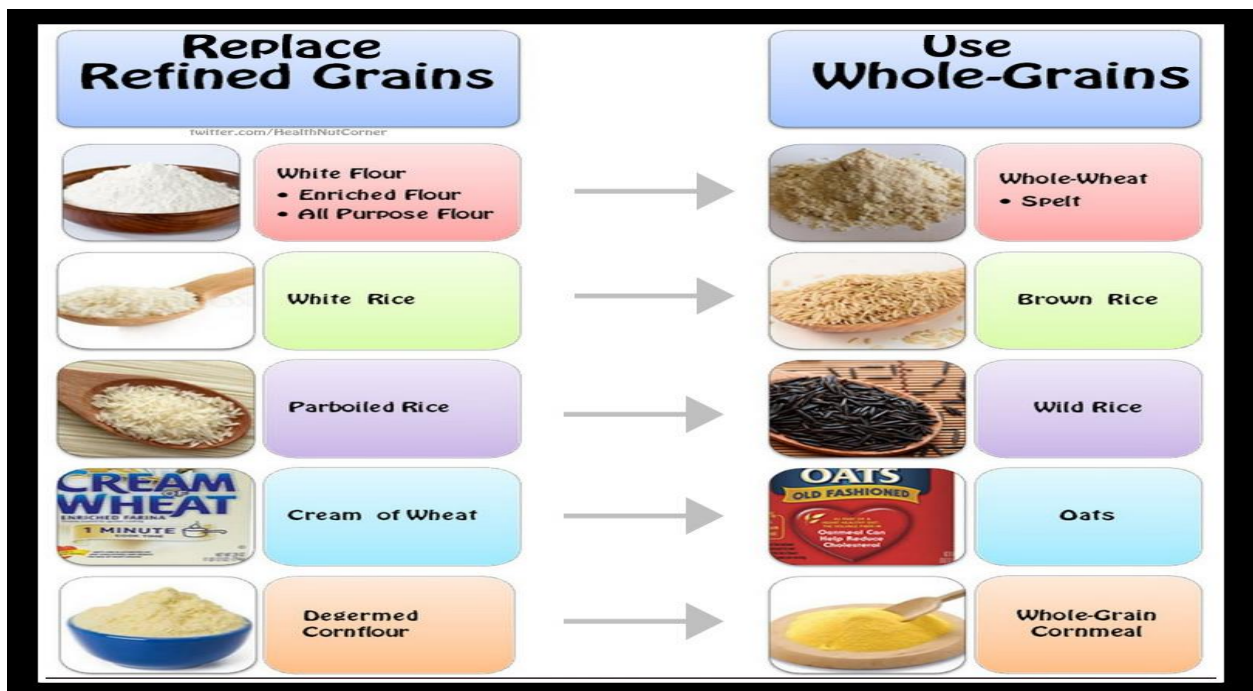
Welcome to
Preschool

2020-2021 Preschool Enrollment for current families will take place on Monday March 2nd. Open enrollment will take place on Wednesday, March 4th. Registration packets are currently available. Parents must have all registration papers and deposit turned in to be completely registered and save their spot in the classroom. Children ages 3, 4, and 5 **MUST** be independent in the bathroom and completely out of diapers and pull-ups as we are licensed as a “Preschool” program and not a “daycare” program.



Open Registration for New Families: We will be opening registration for new families beginning Monday, March 2, 2020. If you know of a family that has children in grades preschool to 8th, tell them about our school and what a great place it is. Invite them to call the school to set up a tour.

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Whole grains contain important antioxidants that are not found in fruits and vegetables, as well as Vitamins B, E, magnesium, iron and fiber. Eat some whole grains every day!



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

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Psalms 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Matthew 5: 38-48

Similar to Leviticus, this portion of Jesus' teaching stresses that our relationships are constitutive of our sharing in the holiness of God. Jesus upholds social justice and limits retaliation. He goes further and demands love for enemies, referring to the image of a God whose sun shines upon good and bad alike.

- What surprises you about the Gospel?
- What do you think it means that God dwells in you?
- Do you need to change to follow Jesus' way?

A universal calling

The call to holiness is universal. The exhortation of Jesus regarding perfection which concludes this Gospel challenges every member of the Church to live daily as a disciple of Jesus. In the Second Vatican Council, the Church made it clear that all believers are called to holiness of life. This teaching appears in the fifth chapter of the Council document *Lumen Gentium*, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (1964). The bishops referred to the baptismal inheritance of every believer. Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, each believer is gifted with a share in the mystery of Jesus, the Holy One of God. Thus, holiness is always a grace given from God.

The gift of holiness is showered upon the Church. By his loving sacrifice on the Cross, Christ makes the Church his bride. She is clothed in the Holy Spirit and joined to the Lord Jesus. The entire ecclesial community is called to holiness in the conditions, duties and circumstances of their lives. By partaking of the Sacraments, by listening to and reflecting upon Sacred Scripture, by a devout life filled with faith, hope and charity, by striving for a moral life in accord with the Commandments, and by putting into practice the Beatitudes of Jesus, believers respond together to the promptings of divine grace and seek that holiness which characterizes God.

The Gospel in Life

God has bound himself to us, first in the Covenant with Israel and definitively in the new Covenant forged with all humanity in the Body and Blood of Jesus. Our relationships with one another are linked in that quest to share God's holiness. Jesus joins together the Commandment to love one's neighbor with the same command to share God's holiness and perfection.





#SamCooke #WhatAWonderfulWorld

Sam Cooke - What A Wonderful World (Official Lyric Video)

Recorded March 2, 1959

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1950s Attire Encouraged!

Prizes for Most Nifty Costume!

Gourmet Burger Bar at Dan's Diner!

\$25 per Ticket

Buy Tickets at www.StMaryPinckney.org/Auction

Proceeds benefit St. Mary School

Dinner - Cocktails - Live & Silent Auction - 1950s Tunes

St. Mary Parish
Men's Club Presents
**FRIDAY
FISH
DINNER**



**Serving From
4:00-7:00 PM**

MENU

- Baked or Beer Battered Fried Fish
- Choice of Potato (French Fries, Scalloped or Baked)
- Beets, Cole Slaw
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cut Veggies, Jell-O
- Homemade Rolls
- Homemade Desserts
- Milk, Coffee, Tea, Punch

**For Our Younger
Guests**



**Individual Size
Cheese Pizza**

**Join us each Friday during Lent
February 28, March 6, 13, 20 27, April 3**

Adults \$11.00 Seniors \$10.00
Children \$5.00 (Under Age 12)
Family \$37.00 (Immediate Family Only)

Take-outs Available!

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St. Mary Parish
Men's Club Presents
**COUNTRY STYLE
BREAKFAST**

**Sunday March 1, 2020
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!

Two Chances - 2nd Prize

1 Pass for 2 to Any

**ST MARY LENTEN
FISH DINNER**

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

**NEW
Breakfast
Burrito!**



**And of Course the
Waffle Station!**

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