

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 27, 2020

### Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, February 28, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 3</li> <li>❖ <b>SALSARITA ORDER FOR MARCH DUE BY 9:00 AM!</b></li> <li>❖ 2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 8</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Children's Choir</li> </ul>
Sunday, March 1, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Diocese of Lansing Scholarship Application Due</li> </ul>
Monday, March 2, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 5</li> <li>❖ <b>NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN ONLY TODAY</b></li> <li>❖ Kindergarten Readiness Testing</li> <li>❖ 3:15 S.B. Robotics teams 1, 2, 3</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Homework Help</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Comedy Night Tickets on Sale</li> </ul>
Tuesday, March 3, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band gr. 5</li> <li>❖ Salsarita Lunch</li> <li>❖ 9:00 P3 Preschool Tour Bailey Family</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Comedy Night Tickets on Sale</li> <li>❖ 4:30 Girls' Basketball away</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 4, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 3</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:00 MS Presentation on Mental Health Issues</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Comedy Night Tickets on sale</li> <li>❖ <b>3:15 PTC MEETING MANDATORY PARENT MEETING W/FATHER DAN; children will go to gym w/Mrs. Kinsey</b></li> <li>❖ 6:00 S. B. Robotics Team 4</li> </ul>
Thursday, March 5, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Chess Club</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Homework Help</li> </ul>
Friday, March 6, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7</li> <li>❖ Adams Girls shadowing grs. 2/4</li> <li>❖ 2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 6</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Children's Choir</li> </ul>

## 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

**Father Dan would like to have a "State of the School" address at the PTC meeting on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. He will be talking about tuition and tithing. Your presence is greatly appreciated.**

# THE FABULOUS 50'S AUCTION FEBRUARY 22, 2020!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THIS DAY POSSIBLE! SO MUCH WORK AND DEDICATION TO OUR CHILDREN AND SCHOOL. IT WAS A FABULOUS NIGHT AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. THANK YOU TO DONNA AULETTE FOR CHAIRING THIS VERY IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER! THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE CO-CHAIRS WHO HELPED TO MAKE DONNA'S VISION FOR THIS AUCTION COME TO LIFE. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS EVENT IN ANY WAY! WHAT A GREAT NIGHT FOR THE SCHOOL AND PARISH! We raised \$15,000 for scholarship and \$15,000 for classroom clean-up! Other numbers are still coming in but I wanted to share with you what I know so far. God is Good! All the Time!

**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

**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 or praying with a group of people

*PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7*

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



**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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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. ROBINSON'S 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CLASS**

Congratulations to the second graders! On Wednesday, February 19, they received their first sacrament of the year, Reconciliation. It was a lovely night. All of the children said they felt "lighter" and that it was a lot easier than they thought it would be. May they always have a desire for this beautiful, healing sacrament.

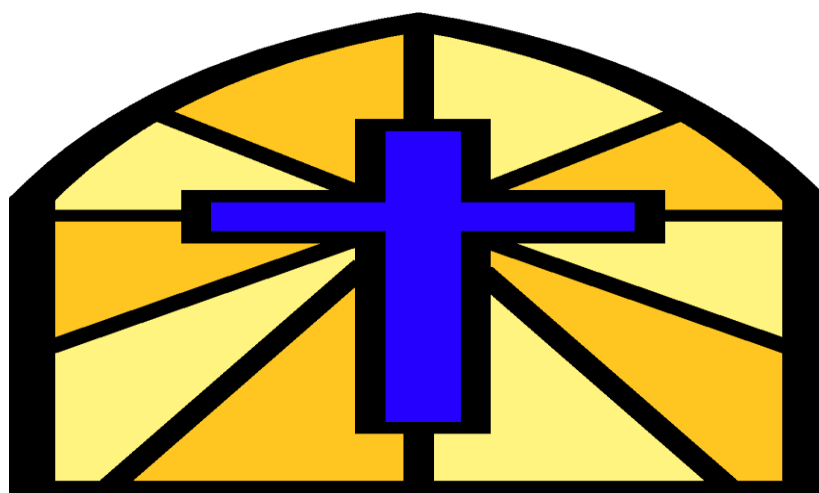


Now that they have made their First Reconciliation, we have started preparation for First Holy Eucharist, which will take place on May 3rd. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for their second sacrament of the year.

The second graders are not only hitting milestones in their faith formation, but in some of their academic classes as well. In Math, they have just learned 2-digit addition with carrying over, and 2-digit subtraction with borrowing!

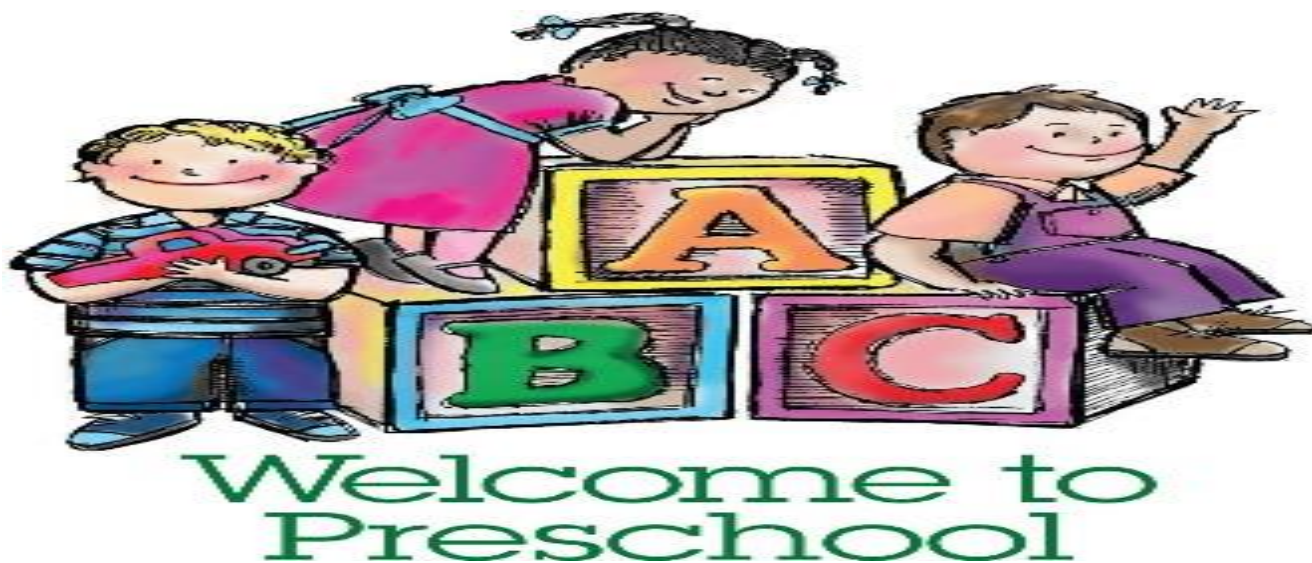
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In Reading they will practice a book they have picked to read to their classmates. It is part of our March is reading month tradition. They will also be taking the NWEA tests for the first time. It is a busy time of year for the second graders, and an exciting one too!



FYI





**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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:** March is National Nutrition Month. Make healthy eating a part of your daily life. In the United States, lettuce is the second most popular fresh vegetable. It's no wonder that lettuce is so popular when you think about all the different kinds of salads you can make!



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

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7    Matthew 4:1-11

This reading from the Old Testament details the temptation of the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden. The first human being is brought to life by the breath of God, showing the creature's full dependence on God the Creator. The garden, created by the hand of God, is a setting of beauty and nourishment for the human being.

This passage is classically known as "the fall" because the man and woman give in to temptation. They disobey God's command and eat the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The result is an immediate realization of shame. The man and woman distance themselves from the love of God.

The Gospel story shows God's loving relationship with human beings restored. Jesus does not give in to temptation like the first man and woman. Each temptation that Jesus undergoes in the desert--hunger, testing God, and idolatry--are temptations suffered by the Chosen People during their wandering in the wilderness after the Exodus. With the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, Jesus overcomes the obstacles placed before him by the devil. This gospel reveals how God has entered our history of sin and changed it.

- How is God's love and forgiveness shown in today's readings?
- How can the story of Jesus' temptations in the desert help us deal with temptation?
- How do today's readings relate to the season of Lent?

## **Divine Election**

All human beings are called to communion with God. We are called to a loving relationship with God our creator. The Church teaches that this loving relationship is a vital bond that is initiated and sustained by God. However, God created us with the freedom to make our own choices and sometimes we choose to sin and reject this divine call.

God, however, refuses to give up on us. God sent Jesus to redeem humanity from sin. Through his victory over the temptations in the desert and his surrender on the cross, Jesus shows the right response to Divine Election.

God continues to love the world in spite of sin. Divine Election calls us to go forth into the world, as Jesus was sent, to be a living sign of hope and love.

## **The Gospel in Life**

What can you do to show your love for God this week?





CAPTAIN JOES & CJ'S LOUNGE PRESENTS



# COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

PROCEEDS BENEFITTING ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020 ‡ 8:30 PM**



**CHRIS  
YOUNG**

Chris Young is able to take real life experiences and turn them into laughs that maintain a clean but funny appearance. Chris's luck (or lacks there of) has led him to look at the world through a different set of glasses. Having once been called a pessimist by a fellow classmate "he replied simply, that he is not a pessimist but a optimist, as he believes things could not get any worse!"

He was the winner of the TV20 Detroit "That's Funny" Comedy Contest on My Network, as well as a finalist in Dave Coulier's "Clean Guys of Comedy/Unbleepable Contest."

**COMEDIANS**



**KEITH  
RUFF**

A stand up comedian since 1988, Keith Ruff works across the Midwest & Canada, in states like Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and New York picking up devotees along the way. His act is clean, funny and polished. He draws from personal experiences in his act like; dating and growing up in a family of five brothers. When you see him on stage you will like him, love him and laugh at/with him. Keith has appeared with such names as Home Improvements "Tim Allen," The Temptations, The Four Tops, The O'jays, Toni Braxton, George Carlin, Manhattan Transfer, and the great B.B. King!

**WWW.STMARYPINCKNEY.ORG**



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**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**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Prize Half the POT!**

**Two Chances - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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