Míssíon 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 6, 2020

### Week – At – A - Glance

Friday, February 7, 2020	<ul> <li>8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7</li> </ul>
	Popcorn Day \$.50 bag
	<ul> <li>First Friday Food Drive</li> </ul>
	✤ 3:15 Children's Choir
	* 7:00 Mother Son Dance
Monday, February 10, 2020	<ul> <li>Morning Prayer; gr. 3</li> </ul>
	✤ 3:15 Homework Help
	<ul> <li>3:15 Super Builders Robotics</li> </ul>
	Teams 1, 2, 3
	✤ 3:15 Vera Family Tour
	✤ 4:30 Girls' Basketball home
Tuesday, February 11, 2020	<ul> <li>Spirit Wear Day</li> </ul>
	✤ 7:30 Band gr. 5
	<ul> <li>Salsarita Lunch</li> </ul>
	\$ \$2.00 Special Hotdog Lunch \$
	due
	<ul> <li>9:30 Williams family tour</li> </ul>
	✤ 4:30 Girls' JV and Varsity
	Basketball away at St. Thomas
	<ul> <li>6:00 Education Team Meeting</li> </ul>
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	<ul> <li>8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 8</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>6:00 Super Builders Robotics Team 4</li> </ul>
Thursday, February 13, 2020	<ul> <li>7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>3:15 Chess Club</li> <li>3:15 Homework Help</li> <li>4:30 Girls' JV and Varsity Basketball at Washtenaw Christian</li> </ul>
Friday, February 14, 2020	<ul> <li>8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6</li> <li>Special Hotdog lunch preordered</li> <li>2:00 K-8 Valentine's Day Parties</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; <u>plate</u>, <u>eating utensil</u>, <u>napkin</u>, <u>drink</u>, <u>condiments</u>

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

**Mother Son Dance is this Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00.** The Knights are looking for any cookie or snack donation. Please bring to the school office by the end of the school day.



**Special Lunch**: There will be another special lunch **on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a hotdog, chips, and fruit cup. The cost is \$2.00. IF your child would like more than one hotdog, please add \$.25 for each additional hotdog. Please also indicate that you are purchasing more than one hotdog on the envelope when your order. **Orders are due Tuesday February 11**.



# 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!



#### And check out these helpful hair tips!

How To Do 1950s Hair: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ms\_Weuljoe8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ms\_Weuljoe8</a>

Six Vintage 1950s Hairstyles: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zM4IRkrB1fw</u>

Three Easy 50s Hairstyles: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5vQehx2ftU



Thank you to everyone who donated vitamins and OTC medicine for our mission trip. Your generosity is very much appreciated by me and the people in the Dominican Republic! Also thanks to St. Mary students for supporting the dress down day to bring extra suitcases filled with donations.

God bless you, Mrs. Coffelt

#### Virtue of the Week

AFFABILITY meaning: Being easy to approach and easy to talk to - friendly

**LOOKS LIKE:** Smiling, Waving, Being friendly to someone who is left out, Starting a conversation, Sitting by someone who is alone.

**SOUNDS LIKE:** Silence, Hi! Hello! Would you like to play with us? How are you doing? May I sit with you?

LUKE 1:39-42, 44

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechari'ah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.



**2020-2021 Kindergarten Parent Meeting**: We will be holding a Kindergarten Informational meeting for new Kindergarten students on Tuesday, February 18, at 6:30. Anyone who has a student that will be in kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year should plan to attend this meeting. You will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Long, our Kindergarten teacher, and learn more about our wonderful program. Parents will sign their child up for screening on Monday, March 2 and pick a time to meet with Mrs. Long to discuss the screening results on Thursday, March 5.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please call the school office to set up your screening time and to make your appointment with Mrs. Long. 734-878-5616.



### **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: <u>https://online.factsmgt.com/aid</u>

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:

 $\cdot$  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. MABLE'S CLASSES

The eighth graders have been busy studying Church history. We have studied the early Christian communities and compared the Scripture accounts of Paul's conversion. Since we are approaching Lent, the students have also discussed and thought about conversion experiences that they may have had and how Lent is a time of conversion.



In Social Studies, we have completed our study of Manifest Destiny which includes the War with Mexico. We will be doing a simulation on Westward Movement. Students will be pioneers traveling on the Oregon Trail.



In Literature, we have just completed an essay on Brown v. Board of Education in honor of Martin Luther King day and Black History Month. These will be displayed in the Middle School hallway soon.



Please support our Candy Gram sale. Proceeds go to funding the Chicago trip. They are \$1.25. See an 8th grader to buy one. They will be distributed at the Valentine's day parties.

God Bless, Mrs. Mable

### ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

### SECOND QUARTER

HIGH HONORS

John Westerberg

Raphaella Gonzalez

Patrick Burke

Olívía Domen

Mía Híllíard

Norah Stuk

Nathaníel Garbarz Isabella Wíttrup

### HONORS

Paulína O'DonohueJacquelyn LevasseurErín StukRhett VanderwalFínnegan BeecherTrenten CaldíeCharles ConnellyZachary AndersonSean FlahertyDonníe Burns

### Thanks to all the helping hands at the February Men's Club Breakfast!





### Thanks to all the hands that helped make this breakfast a huge success! God is Good! All the Time!!

More Pictures from Catholic Schools Week:

Random Fitness Day

Game Day











Catholic Schools Week crowns: Fourth grade with preschool buddies.



Fourth and fifth and eighth graders helping to stuff dolls made for the Dominican Republic. The dolls will be finished and added to the suitcases of Debbie Coffelt to take along on the mission trip.



FYI

**Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip**: February is National Heart Health month. Making sure your heart is in tip top shape is essential for living a healthy life. Get 30-60 minutes of physical activity most days of the week! This fills you with energy and makes your heart healthier.



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

### Isaiah 58:7-10 Matthew 5:13-16

This reading from the Old Testament makes it clear how the people of God are to live. The message is to live with a concern for others, especially the poor. Those who do this will be like a light shining in the darkness and the glory of God will be with them. This passage stresses the call of God's chosen people to be a force for good in the world. God wants to eliminate the suffering of the poor. God's people are given instruction to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked. These actions please God and result in light dawning for the entire nation.

The theme of light shining in the darkness is also found in this Gospel. Jesus tells his followers to let their light shine. Jesus' disciples let their light shine by becoming a force for good and love in the world.

This Gospel encourages followers of Jesus to live with a concern for the poor. When action is taken on behalf of those in need, the light of God's presence shines in the world. God's love transforms the world. Disciples of Jesus are called to spread the light of God's love and make the world a better place.

- How are God's people called to live in the world?
- Why is God pleased when we take action to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked?
- How can you get involved in actions that bring the light of God's presence into the world?

### **Doctrinal Discussion Starters**

The Social Teaching of the Church: Preferential Option for the Poor

The Church has always been concerned with the problems and injustices that exist in society. Out of a concern for the dignity of the human person and the rights of all human beings the Catholic Church developed a detailed social teaching. An important part of the Church's social teaching is the preferential option for the poor. The preferential option for the poor is a commitment to care for the poor and work to alleviate poverty. This teaching calls us to make decisions with the poor and oppressed in mind. The needs and concerns of the poor should be given priority over others.

When we work to eliminate the causes of poverty, and when we take action to improve the living conditions of the poor and oppressed, we truly become salt of the earth and light for the world.





### 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!

WE NOW ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD, AND AMERICAN EXPRESS!

St Mary Catholic Parish - 10601 Dexter Pinckney Rd -734-878-3161

# St. Mary Parish **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** 

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

And of Course the Waffle Station!

AREA'S BEST MENU!

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NEW Breakfast Burrito!



