

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

January 9, 2020

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, January 17, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7 ❖ \$2.00 for Special lunch due; see below ❖ 10:00 Geography Bee grs. 6-8 ❖ ½ Day of School w/ Noon Dismissal ❖ Afternoon Latchkey Available ❖ End of the 2nd Marking Period ❖ NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR TODAY
Monday, January 20, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 5 ❖ No School ❖ Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 21, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Salsarita Lunch ❖ Welcome Alex Guerrini to prek 3 class
Wednesday, January 22, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Elementary Mass; gr. 3 ❖ 6:00 Super Builders Robotics Team 4 ❖ 6:30 Parent Enrichment Class: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Thursday, January 23, 2020	❖ Dress Down Day \$1.00 ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ \$1 Pizza slices sold for 1-27-2020 ❖ Homework Help
Friday, January 24, 2020	❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4 ❖ VIP CHILI SIGN UP DUE; SEE LINK ❖ 9:30 Adams Family Tour ❖ 2:15 Spelling Bee ❖ Report Cards emailed home ❖ 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

Principal Notes

******VIP DAY LUNCH******: During Catholic Schools Week we have a lot of activities planned. One of the old favorites is coming back with a new name: VIP Day. Students will be able to invite 1 guest to come to lunch with them. VIP DAY WILL BE ON Wednesday, JANUARY 29. We will provide lunch for the day: Mrs. Kinsey's Award winning Chili (according to the chili cook off last year)! If your child doesn't like chili, please provide them with a lunch that day, but they can still invite a special person to have lunch with them. You will have three lunch times to pick from: **11:00, 11:45, or 12:30**. **We do need an RSVP on the sign up below so that we have an idea of how much chili to make. Please sign up**

no later than Friday, January 24 with the guest name and student name.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a094dacab2aa46-viplunch>

*****if you have more than one child, please enter each child separately*****



AUCTION NEWS:

Today you will receive an invitation to the Fabulous 50s auction in your child's folder. We have additional invitations and flyers available if anyone would like send an invitation to family and friends or stick a flyer in your neighbor's mailbox please contact Carissa Poroko at Carissa@tricompr.com to let her know how many you need. We can mail the invitations for you or you can address the envelopes and mail yourself.

We have such a fun theme this year and the ticket prices are lower, please help spread the word to family and friends!

Mark the Date on your Calendar:

January 17th Geography Gee: 10:00 for grades 6-8. The event will take place in Mrs. Mable's room.

January 17th Daddy Daughter Dance: Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus the dance will begin at 7:00 and is open to the public. If you would like to donate any treats for this event, please bring them to the school office by 12:00pm.

January 24th Special Lunch: Mrs. Phipps' crew will be at it again with a special lunch for the students. She will be making Chicken Pot Pie Soup. The cost is \$2.00. Please send money in an envelope marked with your child's name and soup order. **Money is due to the school office by Friday, January 17th.**

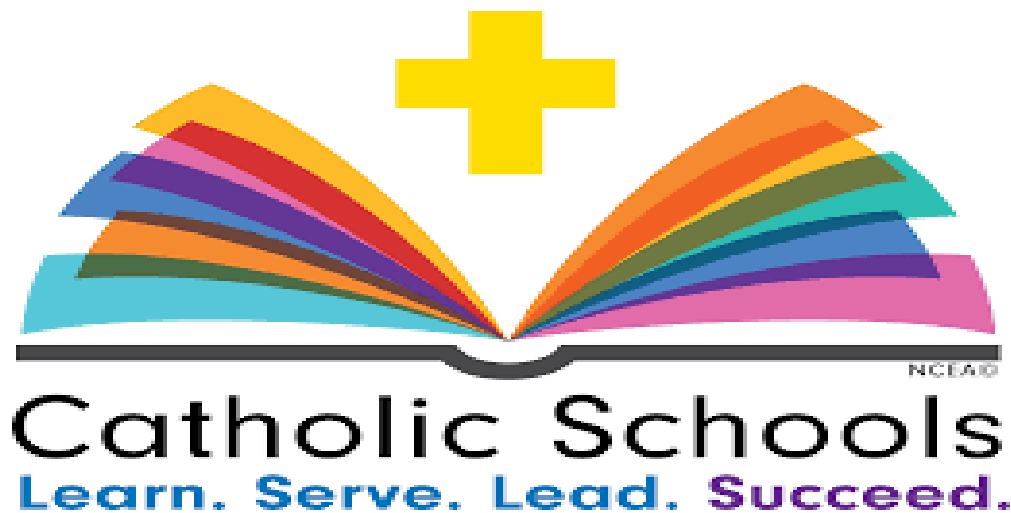
January 24th Spelling Bee: The Knights of Columbus sponsor a spelling bee for grades 4-8. This event will take place in the school gym beginning at 2:15. Spectators are welcome to observe.

January 27th-31st Catholic Schools Week Activities: see below for a list of activities.



Pizza Mondays: The Seventh and Eighth grade classes would like to sponsor a Pizza lunch on the last Monday of each month beginning Monday, January 27 with April 27 being the last Monday. If your student would like to participate please send in \$1 for each slice on the Thursday or Friday the week before. We will have reminders in the Messenger for you. Thank you to Mrs. Hilliard for taking this on.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK HAPPENINGS!!



Saturday, Jan. 25: Isabella Wittrup speaking after Mass

Sunday, Jan. 26: Paulina O'Donohue speaking after 9:00 Mass

Sunday, Jan. 26: Fill Family speaking after 11:30 Mass

Monday, Jan. 27: Pizza lunch (preordered); PJ and Reading Day

Tuesday, Jan. 28: Spirit Wear Day and Math Games made by our own Middle school students!

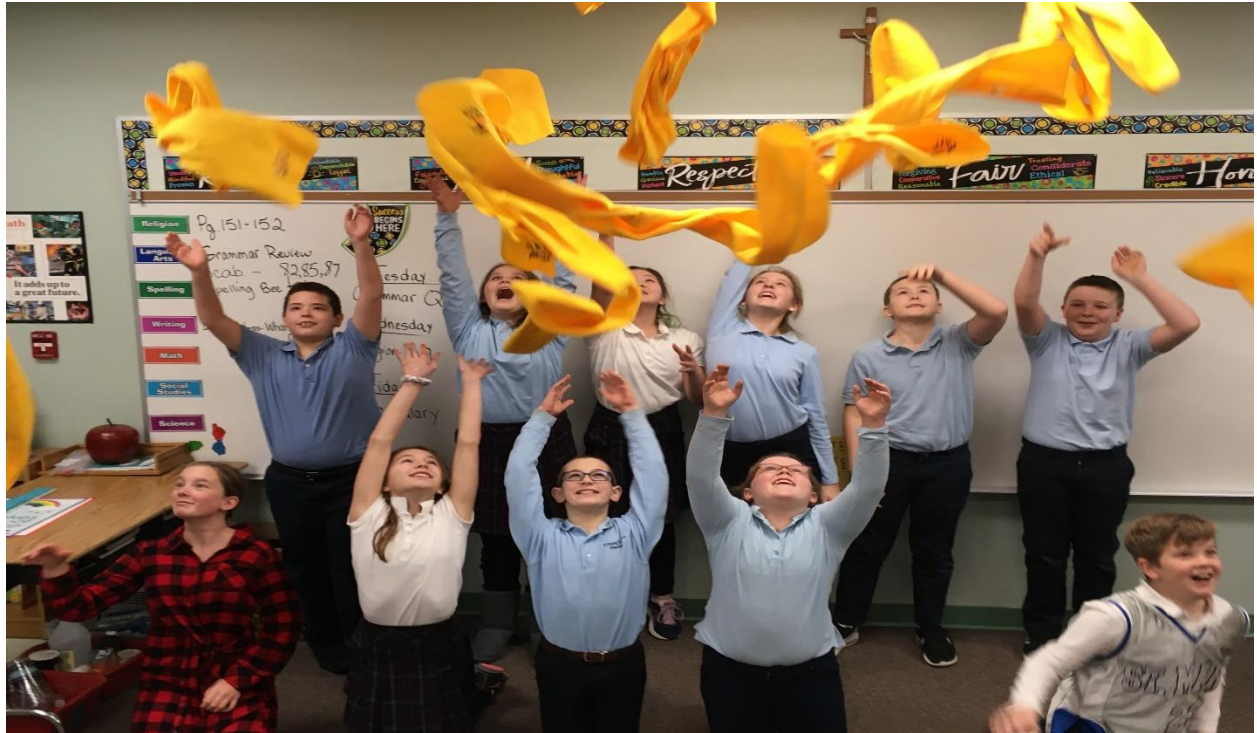
Wednesday, Jan. 29: VIP Lunch-students may each invite one guest

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Thursday: Jan. 30: Any Sports Wear and Random Fitness Day

Friday: Jan. 31: Crazy Socks and Movie/Popcorn Day









Mark Your Calendar!

We have two options to attend PTC meetings in January. January 8th at 3:15pm and **30th** at 7pm (this was a Change in the Calendar). You will want to be sure to attend these meetings so you have a voice. Father Dan will be speaking at the January 30th meeting.

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”
- Jane D. Hull

Parenting Enrichment Class Presented by Michigan State University

Extension: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting is a five week (5 classes) presentation for parents and caregivers. In this curriculum authored by Bob Sornson, parents will learn about supporting their child's success in school and life. Topics will include developing successful family routines, helping develop emotional control, being a calm and assertive parent, establishing rules and supportive relationships, and building resilience—allowing children to make mistakes. **Sessions will take place on Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29, and February 5 from 6:30-8:00pm.** These classes are open to all families in our community. Please note that if you can't make it to all of them, please come to the ones you can! They are very informative!!!



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



AUCTION NEEDS: WANTED: Donations, Gift Cards, Services and Wine

We are looking for donations for our annual school auction on Saturday, February 22nd. Are you a massage therapist, esthetician, nail technician, or hair stylist? Do you own a dog grooming business or kennel? Donate your services and gain visibility in front of a great local audience!

Are you a season ticket holder, do you belong to an outdoorsman sporting facility, do you have sports gear or professional services to offer? Are you an FBI agent, military, medical professional who can help others with your knowledge? Opportunities are endless if you want to share our expertise!

Contact the auction team: auction@stmarypinckney.org or contact Donna Aulette, our auction chair at daulette@charter.net

AUCTION NEWS:

Thanks to all the shoppers and donors who have been busy this week bringing in awesome auction items!

We are getting very excited in the auction room, if you want to take a sneak peak at some of the beautiful items we have received, feel free to poke your head into Room 152 next to the computer lab!

Coming Soon:

Michigan/Michigan State Match-Up!!

At the PTC meeting yesterday the group came up a fun idea to collect donations for the auction. Look for the **Michigan** and **Michigan State** bins in the gathering space.

Please place any **Wolverine** or **Spartan** spirit wear, sporting gear, accessories or other treasures you think would make valuable auction items in the corresponding bin.

The team with the best collection wins!!

We are also still collecting wine or gift cards to local stores/restaurants if you can donate. Check your child's folder for an updated list of basket shopping needs - thank you!

Upcoming Auction Dates:

Mon 1/20 MLK Day Auction Prep 10-4pm - Anyone who can come any time during this window will be put to use assembling equipment and embellishing baskets.

Pizza and childcare provided!

Fri 2/21 Set-Up Day 8:30-4pm - Please help us with auction set-up and kitchen prep anytime during the day

Sat 2/22 Auction Day - Registration & Check-in volunteers needed, time TBD - SignUp Genius coming soon **Sun 2/23 Tear Down** - Tear down & Clean-Up volunteers needed, time TBD - SignUp Genius coming soon





Virtue of the Week

RESPONSIBILITY meaning: Fulfilling one's just duties; accepting the consequences of one's words and actions, intentional and unintentional

LOOKS LIKE: Keeping your room clean, Feeding your pet, Taking out the garbage, Bringing your folder to school each day, Taking your homework home

SOUNDS LIKE: I cleaned my room. I fed the dog. I took out the garbage. I remembered to bring my folder to school. I brought my homework home.

GENESIS 29:1-3

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. As he looked, he saw a well in the field, and lo, three flocks of sheep lying beside it; for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place upon the mouth of the well.

**Friday, January 17, 2020: Daddy Daughter Dance
7:00 pm. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.
All welcome and invited!**



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 through 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.)

I know that there is a lot going on right now and it seems like everywhere you turn you are being asked to help. Please know that anything that you can do to help even if it is just in a small way makes a big difference to the greater good. What you give will come back tenfold.

Peace, Veronica Kinsey

CLASSROOM NEWS

MR. PICANO'S P. E. CLASSES

MR. HARTMAN'S MUSIC CLASSES

All the St. Mary students did a wonderful job for the Christmas Program last month! It was a pleasure to work with them as they prepared for their big performance. I was filled with joy as I directed the songs during "Christmas at the Drive-In." They spent a great deal of time practicing their songs in music class prior to the program. Bravo!

As we begin a new year (and a new semester), students will be using music technology to compose their own music. This is a great tool to teach harmony, chord progressions, melodic structure, rhythm, and various tonal voicings. Students are able to hear their compositions as they are composing! Beethoven had to use a quill pen and paper, and could only hear his music in his head, until he could gather an orchestra to play it. Hearing the immediate results of their work is motivating and FUN!

Recorder season is upon us, so 3rd and 4th graders will be learning the fine art of making this instrument sound more like a flute, and less like a whistling tea pot!

The band members will continue to work on their individual instrument proficiency and musicality. Parents should be hearing their band student practicing their instrument at home to improve their skills. They will highlight their progress with some fun music at the Spring Concert in May. As the semester progresses, all students will begin work on their individual class performance in the spring. Thanks for all you do to support the music program at St. Mary!

Mr. Hartman, Music Director

MRS. HAMER'S ART CLASSES

It is hard to believe the 3rd marking period is about to begin. The 3rd-8th grade art classes participated in the Knights of Columbus sponsored poster contest, "Keep Christ in Christmas". The winners of the poster contest this year were: Erin Stuk, 8th grade, Madison Cooke, 7th grade, Katelyn Sanchez, 5th grade, and Jessica Sample, 5th grade. Congratulations ladies!

The Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade are finishing their snowman projects. The 3rd and 4th grade are currently drawing winter cardinal scenes. The 5th

graders are learning about the artist Marc Chagall. They are working on a narrative artwork about themselves. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade are beginning a printmaking unit. In 6th-8th Art Appreciation the students are learning about traditional Indian art.

I would like to thank all the parents for the gifts at Christmas.

Dawn Hamer, Art Teacher

MR. HAYES' TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

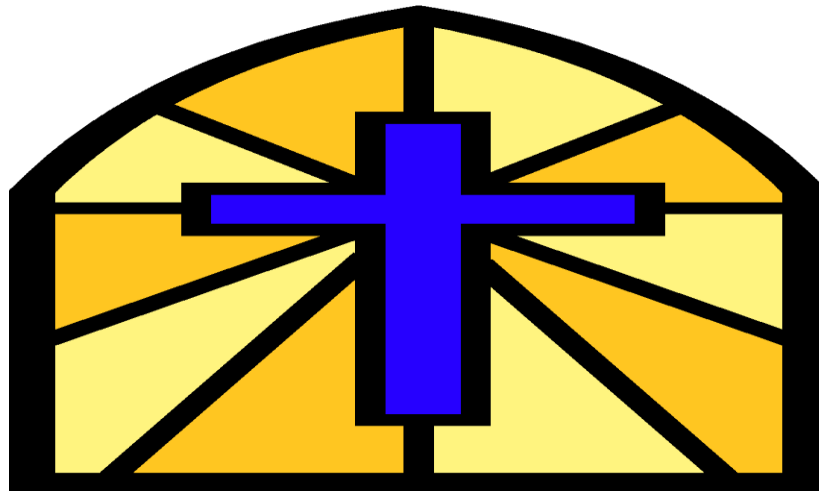
Happy Winter St. Mary families!

Hard to believe we are halfway through the school year! This current semester each of the classes will be refreshing their knowledge on Digital Citizenship and/or online safety. On top of this activity, the 8th grade class is working on brainstorming ideas for their final presentation which will be shown on graduation ceremony night. In the past we have done a variation of presenting past photographs showcasing the students' time as they have grown up at St. Mary. We may still take that course of action, but I always give the option for the students to come up with other unique project ideas that might be more interesting to them. My hope is that as they take ownership of the project they will have more passion and when presented to the parents the students' effort will shine!

Typing is a major skill that needs to be mastered as students enter high school. As I have mentioned before, we get very little time during class to practice this important skill, so please allow your child(ren) to practice typing/keyboarding skills at home. The older students, 3rd through 8th grades, have typing accounts that they access with their Google accounts and the younger students can find online keyboarding games (at www.abcy.com).

Look forward to winter showing up so spring can take it away!

Scott Hayes, Technology Teacher



FYI

HELP FILL A SUITCASE: Mrs. Coffelt is leading another mission trip to the Dominican Republic in February. Both St. Mary preschools are collecting children's chewable vitamins (no gummies) and other over-the-counter medicines such as children's and adult Tylenol, Advil, and cold medicine. Will you please help us fill both suitcases located outside the school office. We will be collecting for the entire month of January. Any cash donations will be used to purchase these items and should be turned into the office in an envelope clearly marked for the mission trip. Thank you so much for your help.



WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAY FOR THIS TO PAY FOR THE LUGGAGE THAT WILL CARRY THE ITEMS DONATED: JANUARY 23 \$1.00

Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Eating breakfast can help you do better in school because it increases your attention span and memory, gives you more energy, and allows you to feel less irritable and restless. Make sure your family eats breakfast every day!



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

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 John 1:29-34

The Old Testament reading describes the mission of God's servant. God's servant will bring deliverance to Israel. The unnamed servant in today's passage brings a promise of hope to a suffering people. God's servant will be a light to the nations and bring salvation to all the earth. This reading focuses on the identity of Jesus. During Ordinary Time, our attention is directed to Jesus Christ and the truth of his identity.

In this gospel we find layers of clues about who Jesus is. Jesus is presented as, "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." This description of Jesus' nature is symbolic of a deep truth. The symbol of the lamb brings to mind the paschal lamb whose blood saved the Israelites, as well as the lamb that bears the sins of others. This title shows that Jesus is the Savior of the world who has come to free us from sin.

The image of the spirit descending from heaven and remaining on Jesus, and the name "God's Chosen One" given to Jesus by John in today's gospel, uncover the truth of Jesus' identity as Savior.

- How did God keep his promise to send a Savior?
- Why did Jesus come to live among us?
- How do the names for Jesus that are found in scripture help us understand who Jesus is?

Names of Jesus

The many names given to Jesus help us to understand the mystery of Jesus' identity. The Church uses the term Christology to describe the study of Jesus' identity. The names for Jesus found in scripture express our understanding of the nature of Jesus. The titles found in today's first reading include, "servant" and "light to the nations."

In John's gospel we find such names for Jesus as, "eternal Word," "light of the world," "the way, truth and life," "bread of life," "living water," and "good shepherd." Among all the titles given to Jesus in the New Testament, four stand out: "Lord," "Christ," "Son of God," and "Son of Man." We believe that God has worked to prepare the world for the coming of a Savior. These names for Jesus found in the New Testament reveal Jesus to be the Savior of the world.

The term "Christ" or Messiah means, "anointed." The title, as applied to Jesus, describes his status as the promised one of God, the Savior. The Catholic Church teaches that the title "Son of God," as found in the New Testament, describes the unique relationship of Jesus who is God's only Son and who shares in God's divine nature.

The Gospel in Life

What can you do this week to express your belief in Jesus?

St. Mary School

V.I.P. Day

January 29th

Time to roll out the red carpet!

St. Mary School will be hosting a lunch for
our students and a
very important person of their choice!



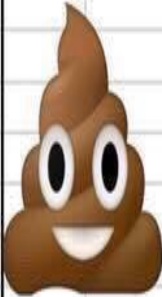




One guest per student, please.

*Three lunch sessions to choose from
(10:45-11:30, 11:30-12:15, 12:15-1:00)*

A sign-up genius link will be sent to each family.
Please be sure to RSVP

Mrs. Kinsey's AWARD WINNING chili will be served

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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It's Coming . . .

Friday, January 17, 2020

St. Mary Catholic School



Daddy Daughter DANCE



- ♪ 7:00pm - 10:00pm
- ♪ \$20 per couple (\$10 per person),
\$25 max per family
- ♪ Admission includes snacks, refreshments
and music
- ♪ FREE unlimited Photo Booth for all !

This community activity
sponsored by the
St. Mary Pinckney
Knights of Columbus
Council #11761



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. Mary Parish

Men's Club Presents

THE SEASON BEGINS!

Breakfast with "PAWS"

Sunday February 2, 2020
From 8:30am to 11:00am

FREE WILL DONATION



Proceeds to Help Support
St Mary School

Tigers.

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
And of Course the Waffle Station!

NEW
Breakfast
Burrito!



PAWS

Detroit's
Favorite Mascot
Will be joining us
from 10-11am!



Multi Chance Raffle adds to
the Fun!

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

