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 23, 2020**

#### Week -At - A - Glance

Friday, January 24, 2020	<ul> <li>* 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4</li> <li>* VIP CHILI SIGN UP DUE; SEE LINK Below</li> <li>* 9:30 Adams Family Tour</li> <li>* 2:15 Spelling Bee</li> <li>* Report Cards emailed home</li> <li>* 3:15 Children's Choir</li> </ul>
Monday, January 27, 2020	<ul> <li>Morning Prayer; gr. 4</li> <li>Pizza lunch preordered</li> <li>PJ/Reading Day</li> </ul>
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	<ul><li>Salsarita Lunch</li><li>Spirit Wear Day</li><li>2:00 Math Games</li></ul>
Wednesday, January 29, 2020	<ul> <li>* 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 7</li> <li>* 11:00, 11:45, or 12:30 VIP Lunch</li> <li>* 6:00 Super Builders Robotics</li></ul>
Thursday, January 30, 2020	❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8

	❖ Sports Wear/Random Fitness Day
	❖ 3:15 Homework Help
	❖ 4:30 Girls' Basketball home
	❖ 6:00-7:00 Open House
	❖ 7:00 PTC Meeting w/Fr. Dan
Friday, January 31, 2020	* 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8
	• 9:00 February Salsarita Due
	Crazy Socks/Movie and Popcorn
	day
	❖ 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

\*\*\*\*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:**

You should have received 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 <a href="mailto:Carissa@tricompr.com">Carissa@tricompr.com</a> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>.** 

**January 24<sup>th</sup> 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!!**



# Thank you for all that you do to make St. Mary Catholic School a great place to be.

**Saturday, Jan. 25**: Isabella Wittrup speaking after 5:00 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

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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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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: <u>auction@stmarypinckney.org</u> or contact Donna Aulette, our auction chair at <u>daulette@charter.net</u>

#### **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 on January 8<sup>th</sup> 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:**

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

**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, Praying out loud with a group of people

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

#### 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.)

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**

### MRS. BROCK'S CLASSES

How it possible that we are halfway through the year already? The end of the second quarter just passed us and the sixth grade is moving forward! In Religion, we have been focusing on Moses and the journey through the desert.



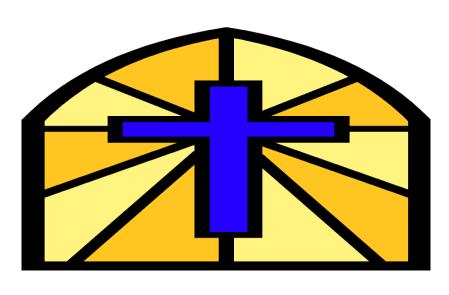
Literature has been working with short stories and various narrations, with stories such as "Stray" and "The King of Mazy May". Science is just finishing a unit on continental drift and plate tectonics. Following this, we will work through earthquakes and volcanoes.



In other grades, seventh grade is finishing up A Christmas Carol with a letter to Charles Dickens comparing the three ghosts to the Holy Trinity. Following this, we will be working through a brief poetry unit before moving onto short stories and research papers. Along with eighth grade, they are working through phrases and clauses in English and working on the second half of the vocabulary book.



As we move into next week, the middle school students are so excited for all that Catholic Schools Week offers! They cannot wait for Pajama Day and Invite-a-Guest to lunch in particular. We hope to see you there!





**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 8:23-9:3 Matthew 4:12-23

In this Old Testament reading Isaiah offers a vision of hope. The basis of this hope is that God is on the side of the people of Israel. The uplifting message in this passage is evident with images of a bright dawn, blazing torches of victory, a harvest festival, and soldiers dividing spoils after a victory.

The Gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus who has come to proclaim the arrival of the kingdom of God. In this passage Jesus calls fishermen by the sea to come follow him. He invites them to become fishers of people. Many disciples join Jesus as he preaches the good news of the kingdom of God, and works deeds of power throughout the land.

Jesus chose to share his ministry with those whom he called his disciples. Today, Jesus calls us to be disciples and build God's kingdom on earth.

- What does Jesus call his followers to do?
- How do you follow Jesus?
- How does Jesus call you to serve others?

#### **Vocation**

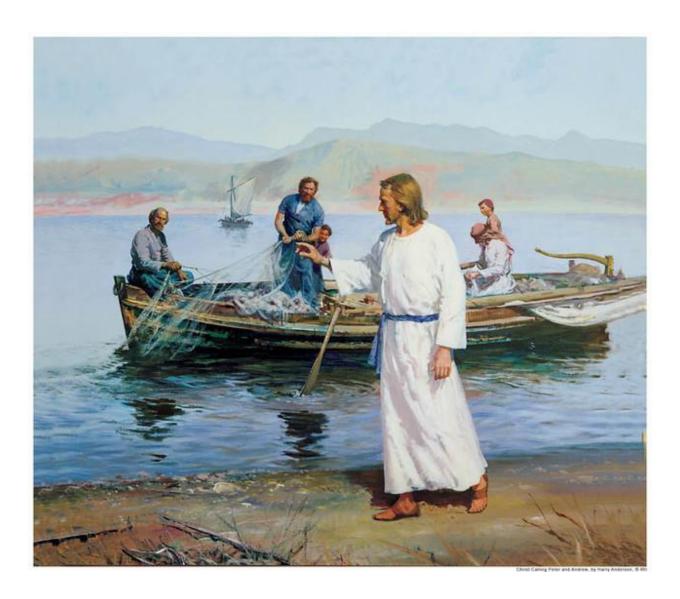
The word "vocation" comes from the Latin word vocare, which means "to call." Catholics believe that all people are called to share in God's life. Jesus made it possible for us to share in the life of God. We are called to follow Jesus and work for goodness and peace in our world.

The gift of God's life and love is a grace. This grace is lived out by our actions in the world. By our baptism we are called to live lives of holiness.

Historically the term vocation has been used in the Church to describe the call to priesthood and religious life. In modern times, the teaching of the Church expands the understanding of vocation to apply to all believers. As Catholic Christians we are called to follow Jesus and use our God given gifts and abilities to serve God and others.

### The Gospel in Life

How will you serve others this week?



### St. Mary School



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)

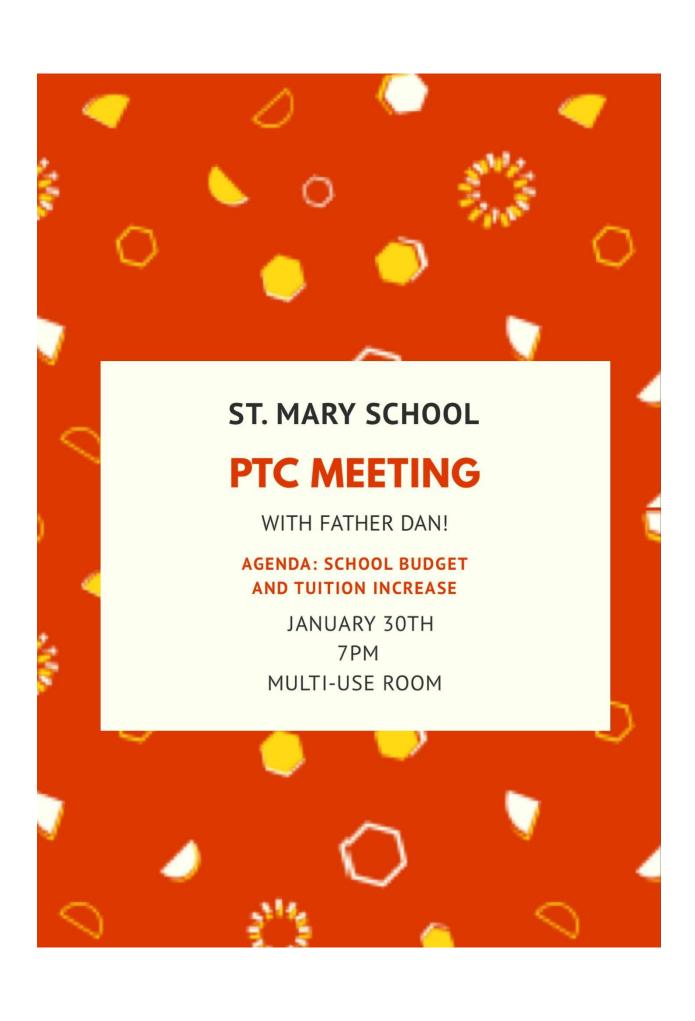
A sign-up genius link will be sent to each family.

Please be sure to RSVP

\*Mrs. Kinsey's AWARD WINNING chili will be served\*

### I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

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### 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

NEW

Breakfast

Burrito!



#### **AREA'S BEST MENU!**

Eggs - Scrambled or Fried Hash Brown Potatoes Homemade Biscuits & Sausage Gravy

Quiche Ham/Sausage

French Toast, Raisin French Toast

Ham, Pork Sausage Links Toast-Regular & Raisin Coffee, Tea, Milk, & Orange Juice

And of Course the Waffle Station!



### **PAWS**

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



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