

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 30, 2020

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, January 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8 ❖ 9:00 February Salsarita Due ❖ Crazy Socks/Movie and Popcorn day ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir
Monday, February 3, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 3 ❖ 3:15 Homework Help ❖ 3:15 Super Builders Robotics Teams 1, 2, 3 ❖ 4:30 Girls' Basketball home
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band gr. 5 ❖ Salsarita Lunch ❖ Need a LUNCHROOM helper today
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 5 ❖ 6:00 Super Builders Robotics Team 4 ❖ 6:30 Parent Enrichment Class: Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting
Thursday, February 6, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ Dress Down Day \$1.00

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 3:15 Chess Club ❖ 3:15 Homework Help ❖ 4:30 Girls' Basketball home
Friday, February 7, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7 ❖ Popcorn Day \$.50 bag ❖ First Friday Food Drive ❖ 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



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



MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST: This Sunday, February 2nd the Men's Club will be having their monthly breakfast. PAWS from the Detroit Tigers will be here to hopefully draw the crowds in. The money earned from this breakfast will come back to the school auction. It would be wonderful if we could get some extra hands from the school to help with this breakfast clearing tables even if you can only come for an hour. This is a great opportunity for students to get service hours for Confirmation. Younger students are welcome to help as well.



AUCTION NEWS: The Fabulous 50s

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. Help is needed to prep, decorate and cook. Please sign up and join us for a Rockin good time. Many hands make light work. The sign up below is for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday February 20-23!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094baca929a20-thefabulous>

Mark the Date on your Calendar:

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!



Michigan/Michigan State Match-Up!!

*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!!

It looks like U of M is winning the Match UP so far! If Michigan wins Father Dan and Mrs. Kacher need to wear a Michigan shirt. If MSU wins, then Mrs. Brock needs to wear an MSU shirt!

Think about all the Michigan and Michigan State fans dressed at school today and imagine if they had to switch shirts!

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 Below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094baca929a20-thefabulous>

Virtue of the Week

SELF-CONTROL meaning: Joyful mastery over one's passions and desires

LOOKS LIKE: Raising your hand before talking in class. Walking in a straight line, Keeping your hands to yourself, Not taking an extra cookie, Listening to others while they speak; not interrupting them

SOUNDS LIKE: I will raise my hand before I speak. Silence. I will keep my hands to myself. I will only take one cookie even if I want more than one. Silence. I will listen while you are speaking.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7

Hence I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control.

SPELLING BEE: Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our Spelling Bee again this year. Congratulations to Luke Schultz for coming in first place and Carson Picano as runner up in grades 7-8 competition. Congratulations to Isabella Wittrup, first place, and Gunnar Glades, second place, in the grades 4-6 competition. All of the students did a great job!





Winners of the 2020 Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee!

Left to right: John Korneder, Luke Schultz, Isabella Wittrup, Gunnar Glades, Carson Picano, and Joe Danyko

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

MRS. VILLEGAS' CLASSES

We just completed our infamous Math Games day this week which was extremely successful! The 6th grade worked with the Kindergarten and first grade classes, the 7th grade partnered with the 2nd and 3rd grade classes, and the 8th graders played their games with the 4th and 5th graders! It was great to see their creativity and participation with the younger groups.



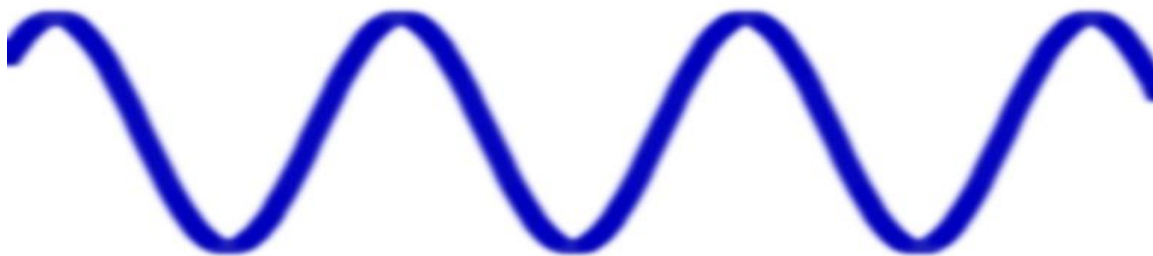
In the 7th Grade Science class we are exploring the scientific phenomena of Meiosis and Mendel's Punnet Square to identify the probability of genotypes and phenotypes of organisms. We just completed a classroom traits survey to view how many of us have the dominant and recessive traits such as a hitchhiker's thumb, curly or straight hair, blue/gray or brown eyes, etc.

Inventory of Traits (CLASS) Data Chart
Number of Students Participating in Survey

Trait		#	Ratio	%		#	Ratio	%	(D) or (R)
Gender	F				M				
Attached Earlobe	Yes				No				
Tongue Roller	Yes				No				
Dimples	Yes				No				
Freckles	Yes				No				
Curly Hair	Yes				No				
Allergies	Yes				No				
Hand Clasp (Right over Left)	Yes				No				
Color Blind	Yes				No				
Widow's Peak	Yes				No				
PTC Tasting	Yes				No				
Hitchhiker's Thumb	Yes				No				
Blue/Gray Eyes	Yes				No				
Darwin's Tubercle	Yes				No				
Longer Second Toe	Yes				No				
Crossing Legs (Right over Left)	Yes				No				

This week depending on our current schedule, we will be building our Mishi Marshmallow Creatures based on the genotypes the 7th graders receive from the parent Mishi creatures!

In 8th grade Science we just completed our Transverse and Compression Waves presentations. Some of the students were able to video tape their demonstration and upload it to YouTube.com in order to show their examples they created at home. Others brought in materials to demonstrate in class. We learned about how energy can be transferred through waves!

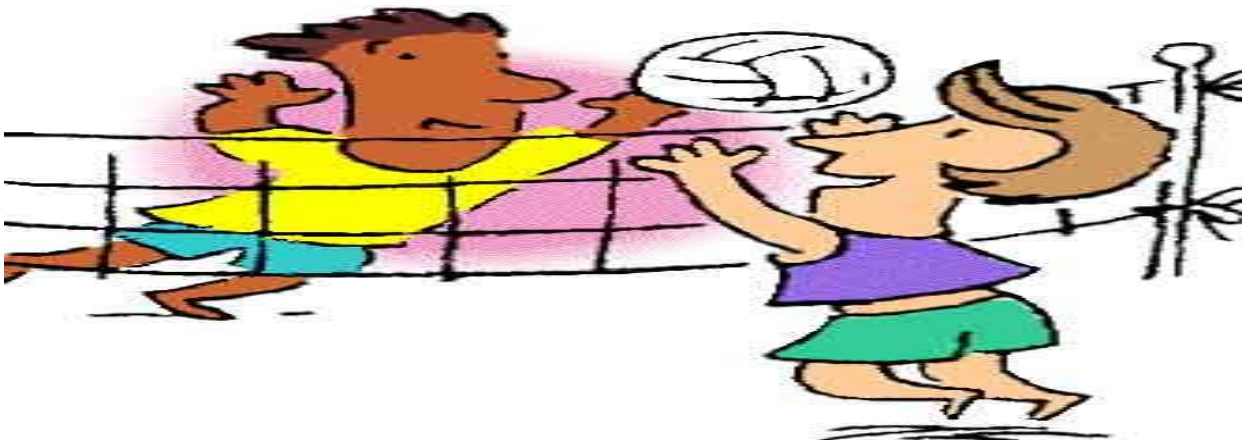


MR. PICANO'S PE CLASSES

K-1st grade are working on their underhand throw and we are continuing to develop our basic locomotor skills.



2nd-8th are working on volleyball skills. 2nd and 3rd grade are focusing more on the technique of bumping and setting while 4th-8th are working on learning the game and the rules. 4th-8th grade fitness has also changed from endurance based to HIIT training (High Intensity Interval Training.) All of the fitness is scaled back to make sure all the students can do the best they can when they are working.



February we will be starting Basketball and the 7th and 8th graders will be becoming a coach for a certain aspect of the game so they can be apart of there learning.



March we will be working on lacrosse skills, April we will be playing stick ball and May we will be playing a different game that we learned each week.



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

SECOND QUARTER

HIGH HONORS

John Westerberg

Patrick Burke

Mia Hilliard

Norah Stuk

Raphaella Gonzalez

Olivia Domen

Nathaniel Garbarz

Isabella Wittrup

HONORS

Paulina O'Donohue

Erin Stuk

Finnegan Beecher

Charles Connelly

Sean Flaherty

Jacquelyn Levasseur

Rhett vanderwal

Trenten Caldie

Zachary Anderson

Donnie Burns

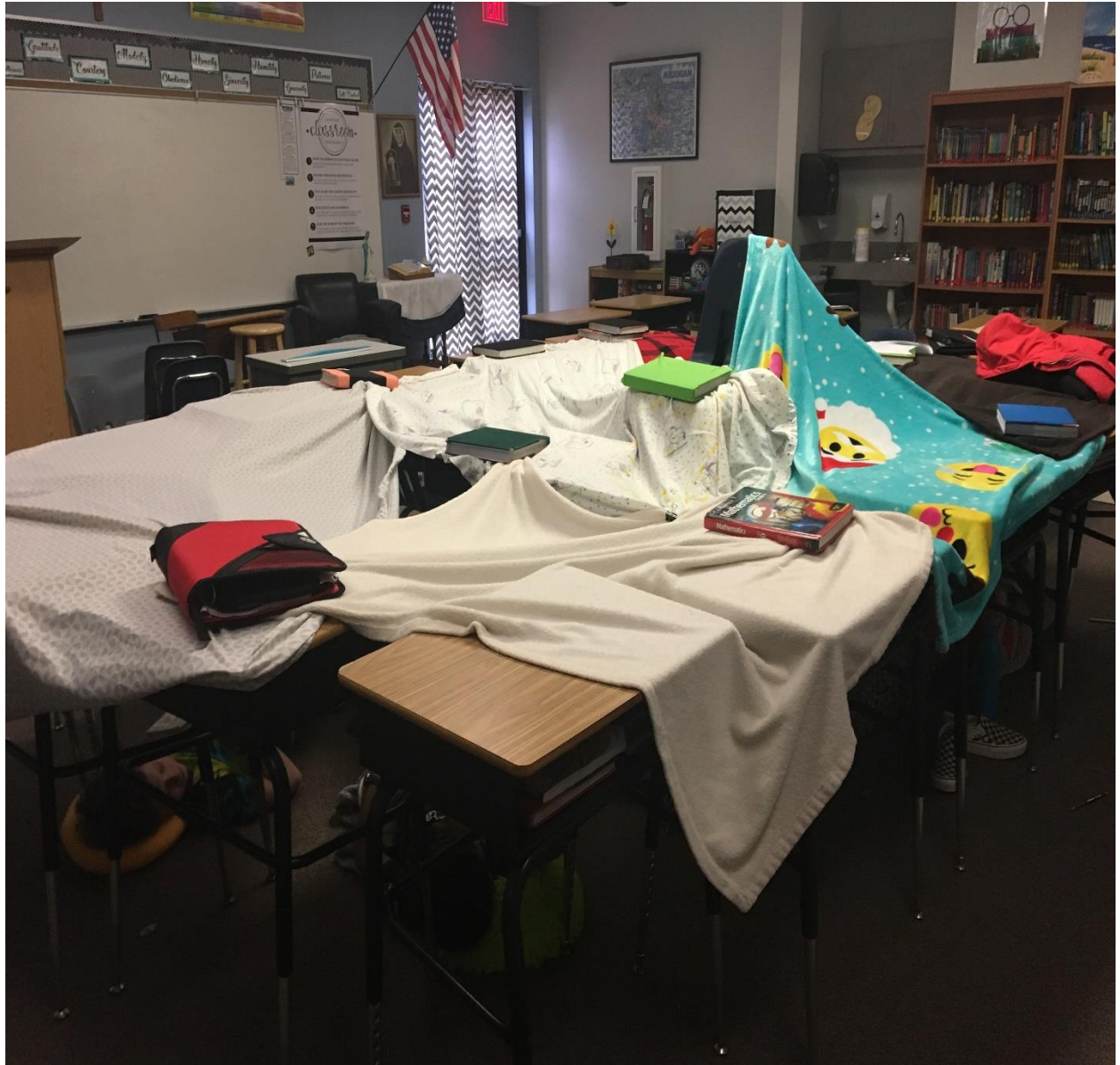
Our Kindergarten learning about Martin Luther King Jr.

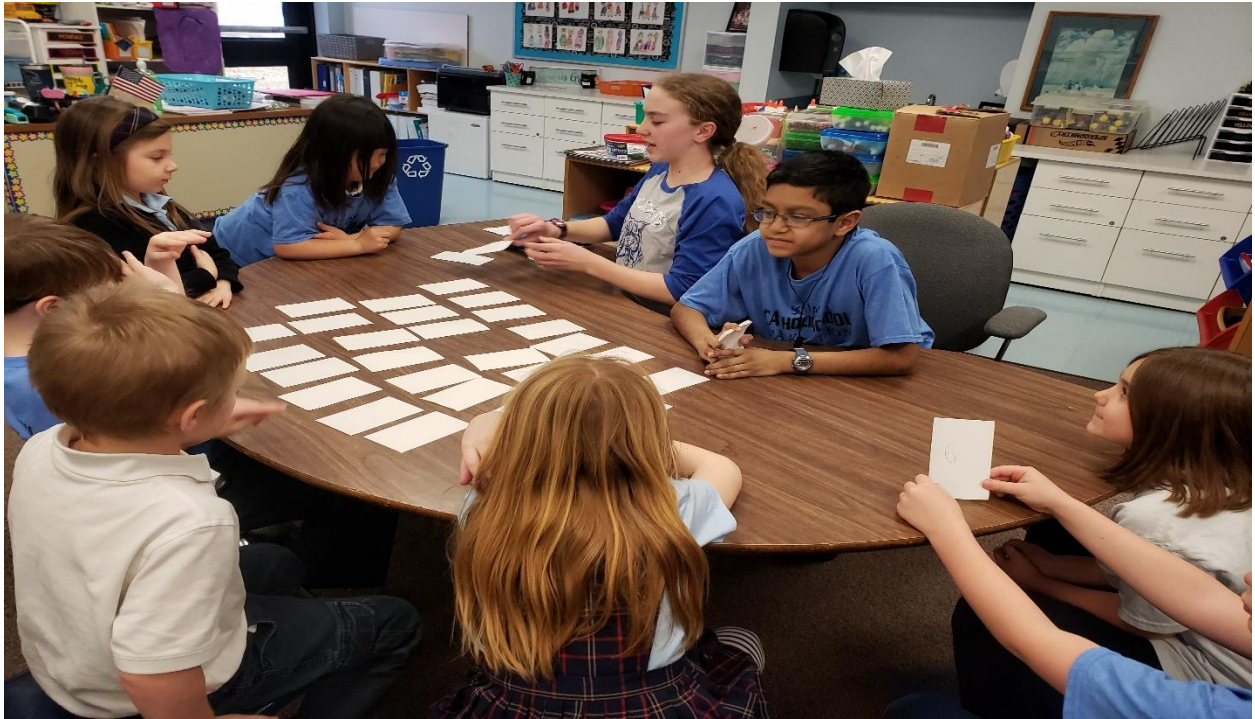
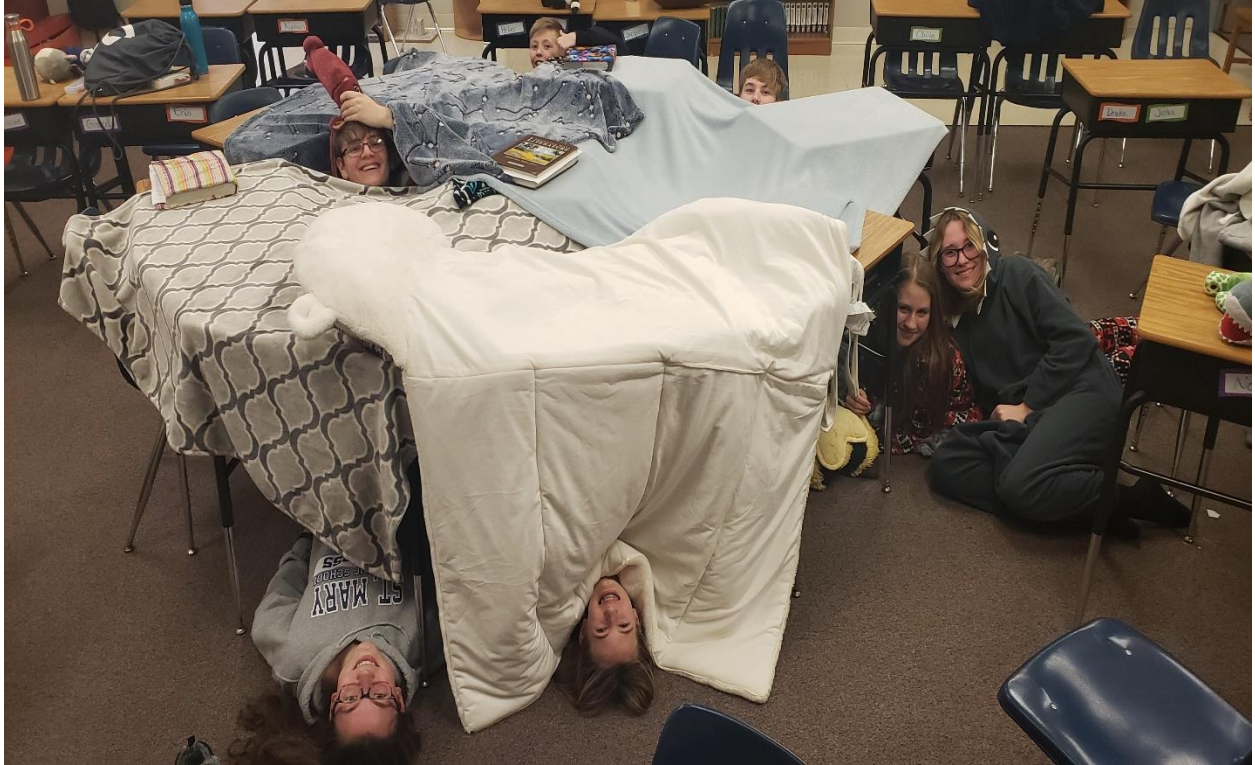


Pictures from Catholic Schools Week so far:

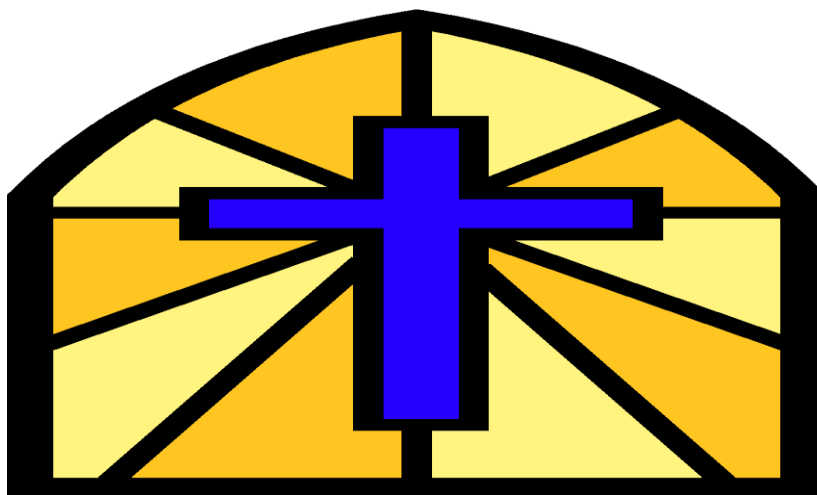
PJ and Reading Day

Game Day





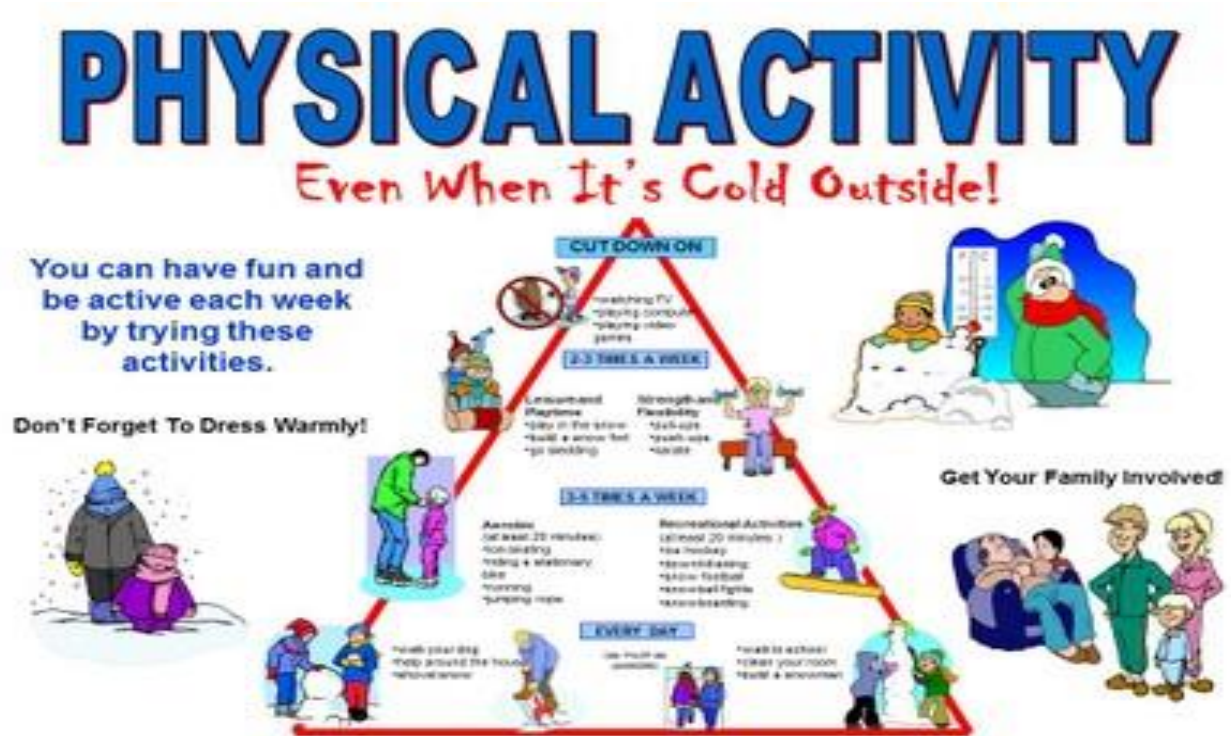




FYI

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.

Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 2:22-40

The feast of the Presentation invites us to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. We remember Jesus' coming as the very visitation of God, offering salvation and light to all nations.

The Old Testament reading tells of the Lord's coming to the temple. God's people who have lost their way are called to correct their behavior. They must be purified and made ready for the Lord's appearance.

This gospel shows that Jesus is part of a family that is faithful to God's law. In keeping with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord. Simeon and Anna, two faithful people of Israel, recognize Jesus as the Son of God. This gospel reveals that Jesus will cause

conflict and division within Israel, but at the same time it proclaims that Jesus' coming is Israel's glory.

- What does today's feast of the Presentation celebrate?
- What are some ways that you are faithful to God's Law?
- What does Jesus' coming into the world mean to you?

The Two Natures

The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus possesses two natures: Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine. Jesus is both the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. In the one person Jesus, God and humanity are united.

The feast of the Presentation celebrates that Jesus, the light of all peoples, is the only Messiah. Jesus is fully human and truly divine. Because of Jesus' humanity, he can identify totally with us. Because of Jesus' divinity he can help us to grow and become all that God has intended us to be.

Sacrament Connection

In the Sacrament of Baptism we are joined to Jesus Christ. We become his followers and members of the Body of Christ, the Church. In Baptism we are reborn as God's children.

The Gospel in Life

How can Jesus help you reach out to others in need this week?

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!

WE NOW ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD, AND AMERICAN EXPRESS!

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

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

By popular demand, it's back again ...
Friday, February 7, 2020
St. Mary Catholic School



- * 7:00pm - 10:00pm
- * \$20 per couple (\$10 per person),
\$25 max per family
- * Admission includes
snacks, refreshments, music

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



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.