

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 10, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5</li> <li>❖ <b>POPCORN DAY \$.50 bag</b></li> <li>❖ 12:00 8<sup>th</sup> grade Retreat</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Children's Choir</li> </ul>
Saturday, January 11, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:00 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest grades 5-8</li> </ul>
Monday, January 13, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 6</li> <li>❖ Jessica Sample Principal of the Day</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Homework Help</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Super Builders LEGO Robotics Teams 1, 2, 3</li> <li>❖ Boy's Basketball Game</li> </ul>
Tuesday, January 14, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Spirit Wear Day</li> <li>❖ 4:00 Preschool Tour</li> <li>❖ Salsarita Lunch</li> </ul>
Wednesday, January 15, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 6</li> <li>❖ 6:00 Super Builders Robotics Team 4</li> <li>❖ Boys' Basketball pictures at practice</li> </ul>

	❖ 6:30 Parent Enrichment Class: <b>Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting</b>
Thursday, January 16, 2020	❖ Dress Down Day \$1.00 ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ 7:00 PTC Meeting ❖ Homework Help
Friday, January 17, 2020	❖ 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period ❖ NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR TODAY

## **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**

## **Principal Notes**

**Welcome to Jessica Sample our Principal of the Day on Monday. Jessica will spend the day with Mrs. Kinsey learning the tricks of the trade. She will also have lunch out with Mrs. Kinsey and a friend.** If you would like your child to be principal of the day, look for this Auction item during the Live portion of the evening.



**\*\*\*\*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\*\*\***



**Mark the Date on your Calendar:**

**January 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am:** Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest for boys and girls ages 10-14. The event will take place in the St. Mary Gym.

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

**January 17<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Dress Down Day:** This is a special dress down day. Proceeds will go towards the Building Bridges of Hope suit cases carrying medicine. All of the medicine that is being collected will fill up 2 suit cases. This money will help to pay the extra costs in luggage fees.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> Pizza Lunch:** Slices will be sold on **Thursday, January 23** before school. Slices are \$1.00 each.



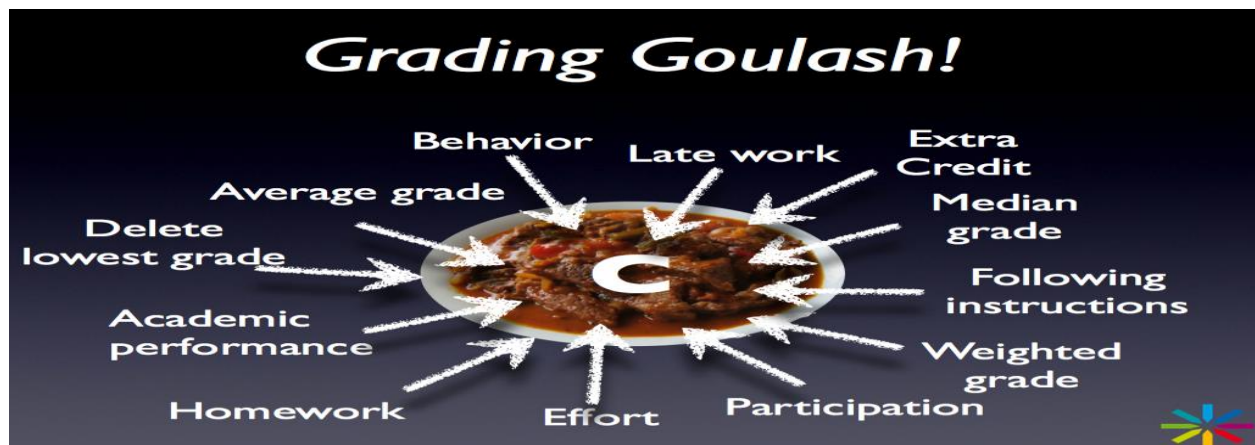
**Pizza Mondays:** The Seventh and Eighth grade classes would like to sponsor a Pizza lunch on the last Monday of each month beginning Monday, January 27 with April 27 being the last Monday. If your student would like to participate please send in \$1 for each slice on the Thursday or Friday the week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



**Technology Lab:** Mr. Hayes our Technology Teacher has requested hand sanitizer for the computer lab. Spanish classes also take place in this room. At some point during the week students will enter this classroom 2-3 times each. That is a lot of children and germs going in and out. When you are out and about, if you can purchase a bottle of hand sanitizer for the classroom that would be awesome. Thanks in advance.



**Friday, January 17 is the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period.** Do you know what your child's grades are? Are there missing papers that need to be turned in? Please go to your child's PowerSchool account and check in to see how things look.



**Basketball:** As the boys finish up their season, Thank you to Tim Burke and Dan Cooke for leading our boys during the season. Your leadership and dedication has been Priceless!

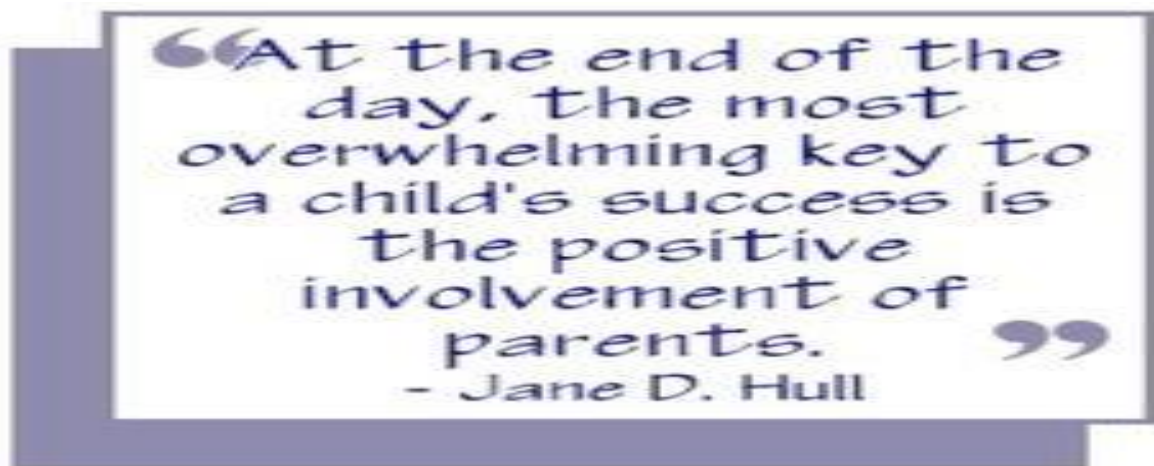
As we look to the Girls' Basketball season, thank you to Maria Hays, Dan Cooke, and Tim Lackey for taking on the leadership position of our Varsity team. We look forward to a season filled with developing skills, leadership, teamwork, and of course a love of the game!



GO LADY WILDCATS!

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.



**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!*



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**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: [auction@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:auction@stmarypinckney.org) or contact Donna Aulette, our auction chair at [daulette@charter.net](mailto: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

**INDUSTRIOUSNESS meaning:** Diligence, especially in work that leads to natural and supernatural maturity

**LOOKS LIKE:** Diligently completing a task, Diligently working on your math, Trying to stay focused on your reading, Working to complete your duties, Diligently completing your homework

**SOUNDS LIKE:** I will get this done. Let me finish this first. I will finish my math. I will go to a quiet place so that I can concentrate on what I am reading. I will finish studying for my test. I need to stay focused and finish my homework.

*NEHEMIAH 4:15-17*

*When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail; and the leaders stood behind all the house of Judah, who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were laden in such a way that each with one hand labored on the work and with the other held his weapon.*

**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 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. HABERL'S 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Happy 2020 from the Fifth Grade! The end of the second quarter is almost here. In Religion, we are wrapping up our Unit on the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. We also learned about the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and saw how our Apostles' Creed contains the central truths of our Catholic faith. In the next unit, we see how God speaks to us through scripture and tradition.



In writing class, we are learning how to write and clearly state an opinion. Using transitional words will help us to link our ideas together as we learn to build a strong conclusion. In Math, we are learning about number theory and fractions. This will help prepare us for our new unit on adding and subtracting fractions. In Social Studies, we are studying about Colonial Life in New England, the Middle Atlantic Colonies, and the Southern Colonies. Our new focus in Science will be on physical and chemical changes. We will see what happens to the amount of matter when it changes state.

Finally, we are excited to participate in the upcoming Zaner-Bloser Cursive Handwriting Contest and the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. As you can see, we will be very busy in the coming weeks. We wish you and your family God's Blessings in the New Year!



## **MRS. RIVETT'S SPANISH CLASSES**

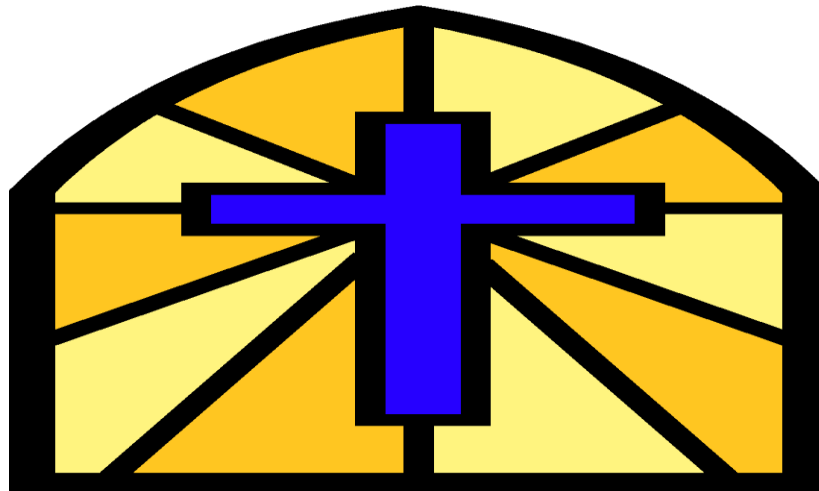
The Spanish classes are just finishing a unit on the cultures and traditions of Spanish speakers in the U.S. We learned about Día de los Muertos, Sansgiven, Navidad, Día de los Reyes (Epiphany), and, of course, Las

Posadas. On December 20, we held our own posada at the school to reenact Joseph and Mary's search for lodging in Bethlehem. For the posada, each class learned a verse of the traditional posada song asking or refusing Mary and Joseph a place to stay for the night. Kindergarteners made farolitos (traditional lanterns) to light the way for the procession. The third and fourth grade classes made piñatas for a celebration at the end of the posada procession. The goal this quarter was for students to understand more about the people who speak Spanish right here in the United States.

Next quarter we will focus on communicating basic information about ourselves in Spanish so we can talk to people who speak Spanish as a first language. I am excited to see how much Spanish the students will acquire in the new year!







## 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.





**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 42:1-4, 6-7      Matthew 3:13-17**

The Baptism of Jesus continues the theme of Jesus' humanity, which is apparent throughout the Christmas season readings. However, this celebration of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. The baptism of Jesus begins his public ministry. These readings help us understand the significance of the sacrament of Baptism for all Christians.

The Old Testament reading describes a chosen one who will deliver God's people. God's servant will endure suffering and remain faithful to his mission. God's chosen servant will be a light to all nations and bring justice to the world.

The Gospel reading presents the baptism of Jesus. Jesus comes to John to be baptized. John questions Jesus at first because he thinks that Jesus should be the one to baptize. Jesus tells John to baptize him in order to fulfill what he has come to do. When Jesus comes up from the water, the heavens open and Jesus is revealed as God's Son, the beloved.

- What does the baptism of Jesus tell us about the Sacrament of Baptism?
- What do we celebrate in Baptism?
- How is the sacrament of Baptism a new beginning for all Christians?

## **Baptism and Mission**

In the sacrament of Baptism we are joined to Jesus Christ and we are joined to the Church. We become members of the body of Christ and we share in the mission of Jesus. In Baptism we begin a new life that will be lived in the Spirit.

Water is the main symbol used in Baptism. The term “baptism” comes from the Greek word to “plunge” or “immerse.” At our baptism we plunge into the water of new life. In Baptism all our sin is washed away.

Catholics understand Baptism to be a sacrament that we continue to live throughout our lives. Through Baptism we are charged with the responsibility to continue the mission of Jesus and to participate in the Church’s mission of spreading Christ’s message of forgiveness and love throughout the world.

## **The Gospel in Life**

What is one thing that you can do to live your baptism this week?

# St. Mary School

## V.I.P. Day

January 29<sup>th</sup>

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\*

**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 !

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