

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

March 12, 2020

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, March 6, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7 ❖ Adams Girls shadowing grs. 2/4 ❖ 2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 6 ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir
Monday, March 16, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 4 ❖ Comedy Night Tickets on sale ❖ Preschool Tour: Cooper Family ❖ NO S.B. Robotics teams 1, 2, 3 ❖ NO Homework Help
Tuesday, March 17, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band gr. 5 ❖ Dress Down Day \$1.00 ❖ Salsarita Lunch ❖ Comedy Night Tickets on sale
Wednesday, March 18, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 5 ❖ Spring Pictures Dress Up Day ❖ Comedy Night Tickets on sale ❖ 9:30 Reconciliation grs. 4 and 5 ❖ 10:45 Reconciliation gr. 2 ❖ NO S.B. Robotics Team 4
Thursday, March 19, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ 9:30 Reconciliation gr. 7

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 10:50 Reconciliation gr. 3 ❖ NO Chess Club ❖ NO Homework Help ❖ Varsity and JV Girls' Basketball Tournaments Canceled ❖ Comedy Night Tickets on sale
Friday, March 20, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ST. MARY TUITION SCHOLARSHIP DUE TO THE OFFICE BY 12:00 PM ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7 ❖ End of the 3rd Marking Period ❖ ½ day of school; Noon dismissal ❖ NO Children's Choir ❖ Comedy Night Tickets on sale

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

As of Monday, March 16th we will not be having any after school activities until further notice. This includes Basketball, homework help, chess club, and LEGO

Robotics. We are doing all that we can to make sure the building is cleaned and disinfected each night. I have attached some information from the Diocese and Health Department regarding this virus. I'm sure that you have seen this, but just in case I wanted you to be informed. Note that handwashing

2020-2021 Enrollment: Families will be automatically re-enrolled in grades Kindergarten to Seventh grade for next year UNLESS you notify the school office by March 13th. Enrollment fees will be billed to family accounts starting April 1 or 15 depending on when you chose to be your billing date. **Families will receive 2 tuition statements in April.** Please write two separate checks for that billing period. One check for the current school year with your current account number on it and one check for the enrollment fees with the NEW account number on it. Remember they change the account number from year to year so be sure to check the account number to avoid SMART charging a late fee.

ENROLL NOW

St. Mary School Scholarship: The St. Mary School Scholarship is now available in the school office. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please come to the school office to pick one up. **Application are due to the school office no later than 12:00pm on Friday March 20, 2020.** Please know that all applications are kept in the strictest confidence. Only the scholarship committee sees the applications.



Stations of the Cross: We have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. We begin at 2:50. You are always welcome. Living Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday, April 8 at 11:30 in the gym. This is a nice start to our Easter break.

Spring Pictures: Spring Pictures will be on Wednesday, March 18. Your child will be given an order form next week to bring home. Only students who bring the order form back with money will be getting their picture taken. Students will be able to dress up on this day.

Auction Update: More money came in for the Raise the Paddle. We raised just over \$16,000.00! I am excited to be able to give the classrooms the things that they need to look new again! Thank you so much!

Numbers coming in from Auction night indicate that we raised \$66,500.00. This total included raise the paddle and Dible scholarship. What an awesome number! Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this happen. Thank you to Donna Aulette for her leadership in Auction Chair!

SAVE THE DATES: **Thursday, May 14th** we will be having a special **Grandparents Mass at 8:30**. Students and grandparents (or parents) will be sitting together during Mass on this day. After Mass, families will be invited to join us in the gym for our **Spring Band/Choir Concert**. The concert will begin about 9:45 or as soon after Mass as we can all gather.

Friday, May 15th: Students in grade 7 and 8 will have their **Ribbon and Candle Ceremony** directly following Mass on this day.

Friday, May 15th: Our **Science Fair** will take place in the gym at **2:00**. All families are invited to come to the gym to see what our young scientists are up to.

7th and 8th Grade Opportunity! Jennifer

Cooke is a coach for Pathfinder Track. She worked a deal for St. Mary Students in 7th and 8th grade to be able to participate for \$200. **But WAIT!** Dan Cooke has generously offered to sponsor ANY St. Mary 7th or 8th grade student who wants to participate!! Practice will start April 6th after school to 5:00 M-F. Please see Jen for more details. jennifercooke@gmail.com



Virtue of the Week

PATIENCE meaning: Bearing present difficulties calmly

LOOKS LIKE: Waiting without complaining, Raising your hand and waiting for Sister to call on you, Raising your hand and waiting calmly for the teacher to answer your question, Waiting in line for lunch, Bearing your own difficulties.

SOUNDS LIKE: I will wait for you. I will wait for my turn. I will raise my hand and wait for my teacher to call on me. I will wait my turn. I will not push or cut ahead in line. Jesus, I trust in You! I will not complain.

JAMES 5:7-8

Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient.

CLASSROOM NEWS

MS. PROSNIĘSKI'S 4TH GRADE

CLASS

Time flies when you're having fun! And we are having a blast in 4th Grade! It's hard to believe we only have one quarter left of the school year! We have been so busy.

In Religion we continue to learn about the Ten Commandments, and how we can follow them in our daily lives, especially during this season of Lent. We are also learning about how they relate to the different sacraments. We are still making rosaries, and will hopefully be learning the final step, the Cross Knot, before Easter Break!



In Math we are continuing to develop and deepen our understanding of fundamental fraction concepts. We are also being introduced to adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.

In Science, we have been learning about the human body. We just finished focusing on eyesight. We are now learning about how our ears work and wavelengths.

In Social Studies we continue to learn about the different regions of the United States. We will soon be finishing up the Western Region, and moving on to our final region, the Midwest. The students are very excited to make their State Floats at the end year!



In Language Arts, we continue to work on identifying and using different parts of speech correctly, in our writing, through our study of grammar, vocabulary, and spelling.

In Reading, we are doing our novel study for the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. The students have really enjoyed reading this story and using it to explore different themes and literary elements. They are excited to watch the movie when we finish and compare it to the book!

Finally, we are still working with the older Preschool students on Wednesday mornings. We have been helping them with their numbers, alphabet, and other concepts. This is one of our favorite parts of the week! We love being good role models and helpers to our buddies!

We are looking forward to all the upcoming learning experiences, events, and activities the final quarter of 4th Grade has to offer!



MRS. HAMER'S ART CLASS

The following students will have artwork on display at the **Howell Opera House "Got Art" Exhibit, March 17-22:**

8th grade- Finn Beecher, Paulina O'Donohue, Mia Hilliard, Erin Stuk, Kaleigh Kelsay, Luke Schultz, Rhett Vanderwal, John Westerberg

7th grade-Patrick Burke, Olivia Domen, Ella Gonzalez, Grace Lackey

6th grade- Kellen Green, Isabella Wittrup, Cadence Wilson

5th grade- Charlotte Hays, Katelyn Sanchez

4th Grade- Kyndall Thompson, Connor Ryan, Charlotte Hays

3rd grade- Lillian Conant, Landon Klenn, Alec Priebe, Kate Morley

2nd grade- Liam Cooke

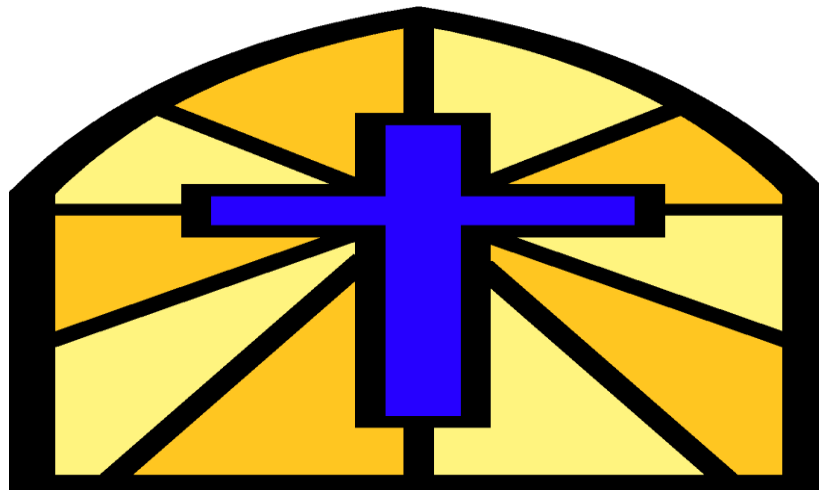
1st grade- Skylar McGowan, Tia Sims

Kindergarten- Jake Robinson, Alyssa Edwards, Leanna Robb

Each of the students will have a card coming home this week with information on the exhibit.

Please be on the look-out for our annual Art Fundraiser order form from School Pictures. These forms will be sent home the week of March 16th. **Online orders will be due March 27th. This fundraiser will help with the cost of purchasing art supplies.

Thank you for your support. Mrs. Hamer, Art Teacher



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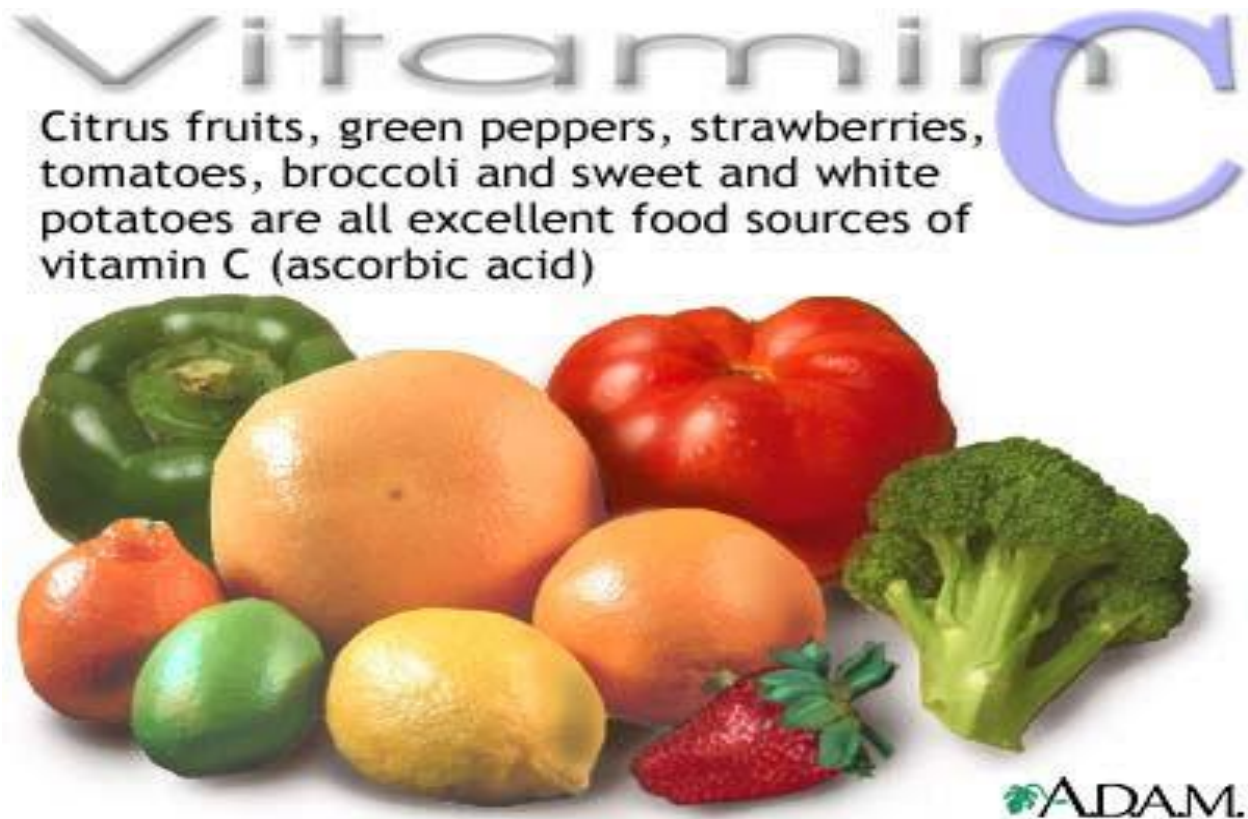
2020-2021 Preschool Enrollment: Registration packets are currently available. Parents must have all registration papers and deposit turned in to be completely registered and save their spot in the classroom. Children ages 3, 4, and 5 **MUST** be independent in the bathroom and completely out of diapers and pull-ups as we are licensed as a “Preschool” program and not a “daycare” program.



Open Registration for New Families: Open registration for new families is now available. If you know of a family that has children in grades preschool

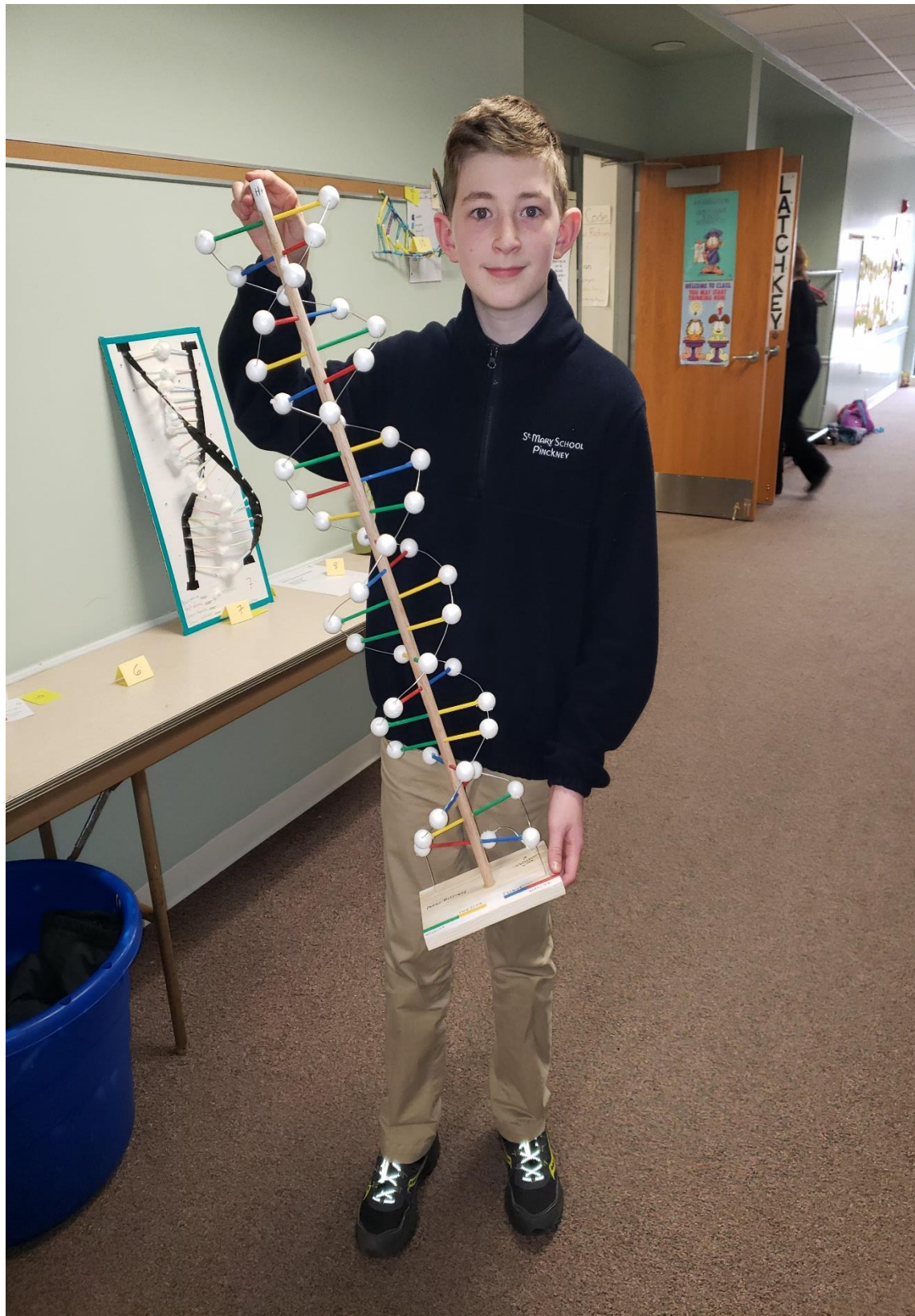
to 8th, tell them about our school and what a great place it is. Invite them to call the school to set up a tour.

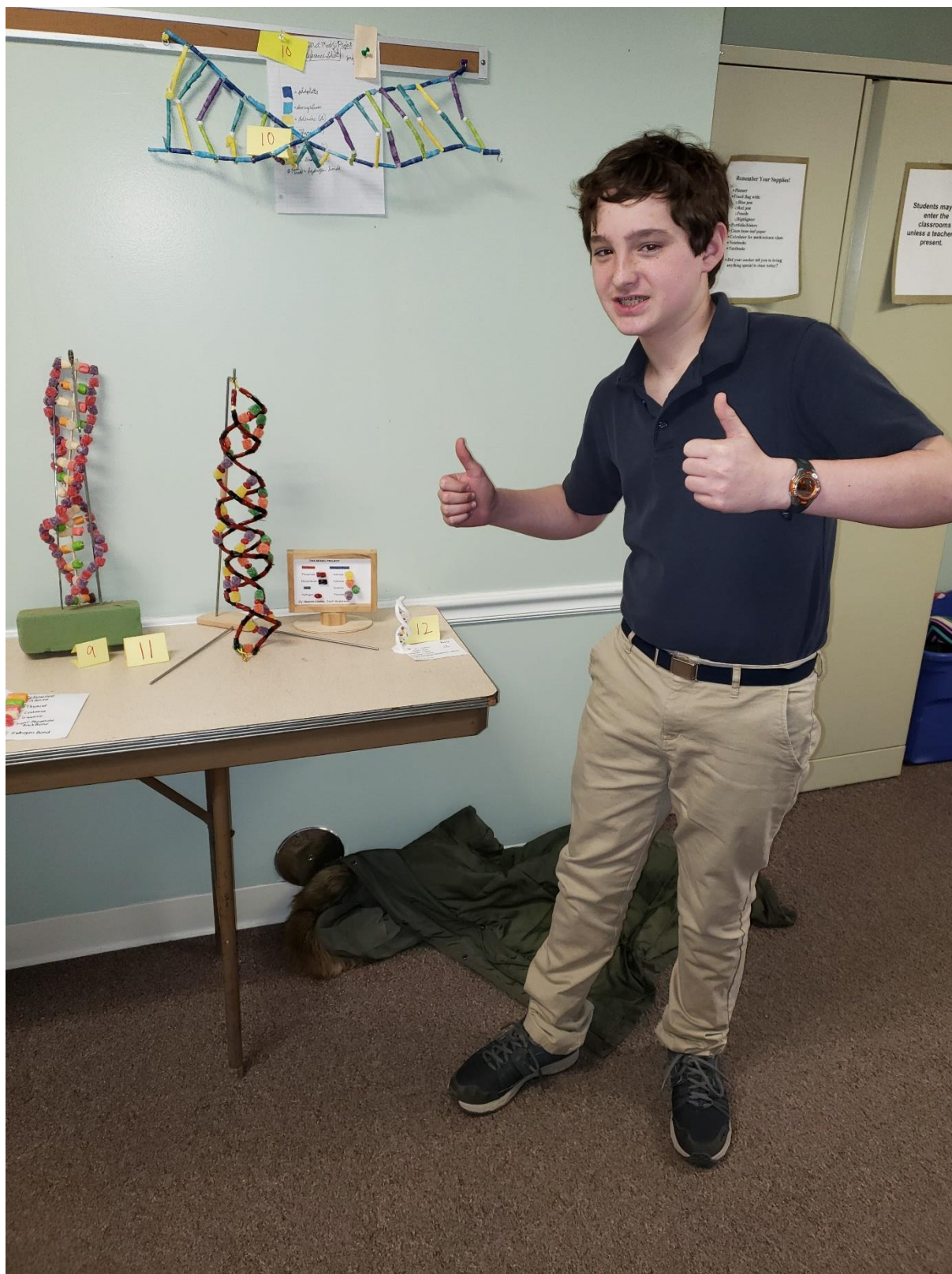
Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip: Broccoli, strawberries, pineapples, and bell peppers are all great sources of vitamin C. Try grabbing one of these vitamin C packed foods next time you want a snack.



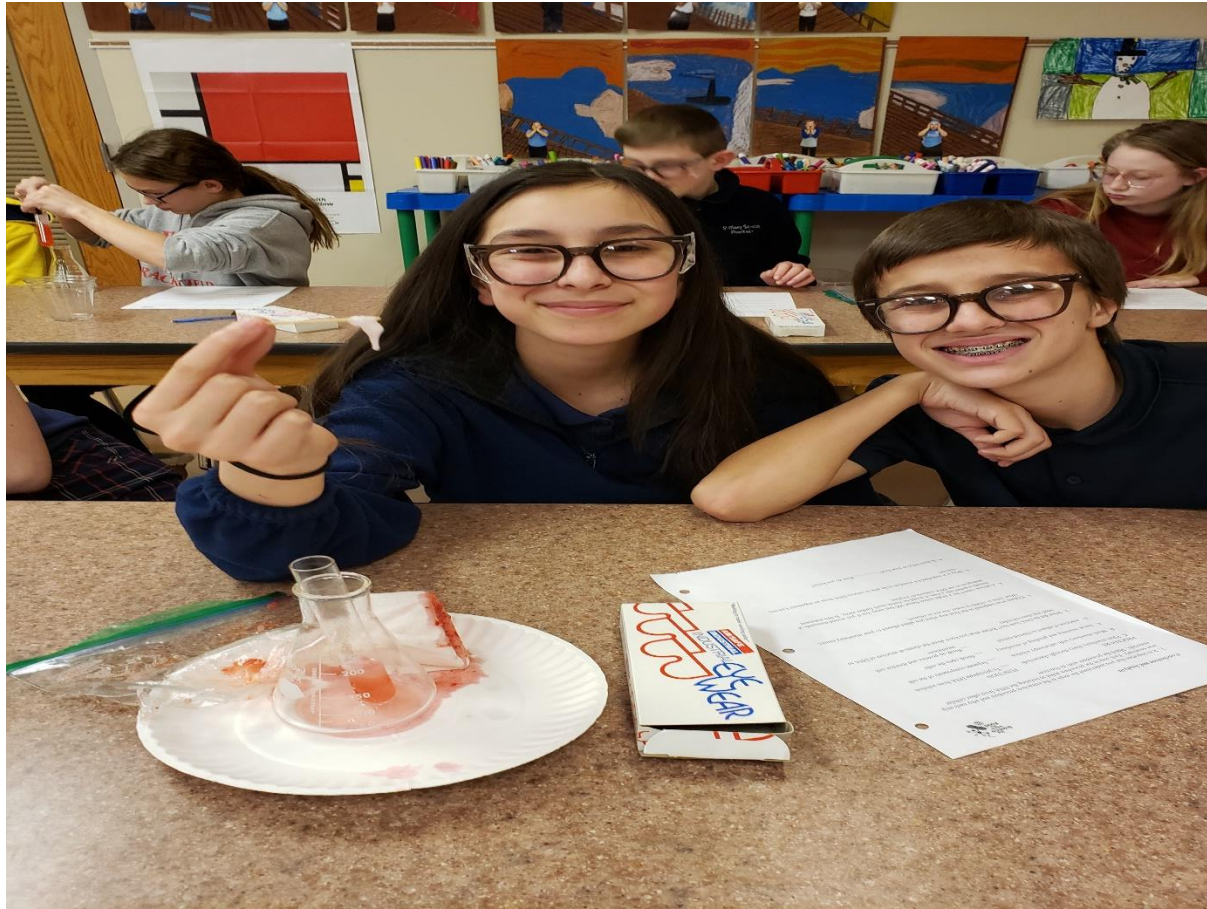
The vote is in: the results of the 7th grade DNA models are as follows: Luke Elgas 1st place, Peter Hilliard 2nd place and Zach Anderson 3rd place.







DNA Lab Extractions by the 7th Grade Below



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

Exodus 17:3-7 John 4:5-42

In this Old Testament reading the people of Israel grumble and complain to Moses. They are thirsty and tired. The people begin to question Moses for bringing them out of Egypt. Moses responds in faith. He turns to God for answers. Moses believes in God's power to save, and God hears the prayer of his faithful servant. Moses strikes a rock to bring forth water and God's saving presence is made known.

In this Gospel Jesus invites a woman to come to faith in him. The woman from Samaria is an image of faithlessness. Her meeting with Jesus at Jacob's well begins with caution. She questions Jesus when he asks her for a drink. Jesus does not give up on the woman. He offers her something to satisfy her innermost thirst, the gift of faith. The Samaritan woman soon comes to understand that she thirsts for the living water of God's love. Jesus alone can give this gift of life-giving water. The woman opens her heart to Jesus' gift and she recognizes him as the Messiah. With her heart filled and her thirst quenched, the woman goes off to tell others about Jesus.

- What does the image of water symbolize in today's readings?
- Why does the woman ask Jesus for living water?
- How does Jesus invite you to have faith in him?

Faith as a Gift

Faith is a gift from God. Faith is our response to God reaching out to us. In other words, God acts first. The Catholic term for God's action is grace. God invites us to be in relationship with the divine. We, in turn, are given the freedom to respond, accepting or rejecting this offer.

God prepares the ground for this relationship in love. Every person has an innermost longing for God. Only by responding to God's gift of faith can we quench our inner thirst.

CAPTAIN JOES & CJ'S LOUNGE PRESENTS



COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

PROCEEDS BENEFITTING ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020 ‡ 8:30 PM



**CHRIS
YOUNG**

Chris Young is able to take real life experiences and turn them into laughs that maintain a clean but funny appearance. Chris's luck (or lacks there of) has led him to look at the world through a different set of glasses. Having once been called a pessimist by a fellow classmate "he replied simply, that he is not a pessimist but a optimist, as he believes things could not get any worse!"

He was the winner of the TV20 Detroit "That's Funny" Comedy Contest on My Network, as well as a finalist in Dave Coulier's "Clean Guys of Comedy/Unbleepable Contest."

COMEDIANS



**KEITH
RUFF**

A stand up comedian since 1988, Keith Ruff works across the Midwest & Canada, in states like Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and New York picking up devotees along the way. His act is clean, funny and polished. He draws from personal experiences in his act like; dating and growing up in a family of five brothers. When you see him on stage you will like him, love him and laugh at/with him. Keith has appeared with such names as Home Improvements "Tim Allen," The Temptations, The Four Tops, The O'jays, Toni Braxton, George Carlin, Manhattan Transfer, and the great B.B. King!

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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)

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ST. MARY PINCKNEY

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS. GROUP REFLECTION. FELLOWSHIP.
MASS. ADORATION. WORSHIP MUSIC.

STOKE WOMEN'S RETREAT

March 21-22, 2020

STOKE MEN'S RETREAT

March 28-29, 2020

Sat. 9:30am - 10:30pm • Sun. 7:30am - 11:15am

Optional overnight stay

Register at: <https://stmarypinckney.org/adult-faith-formation/>

STOKE

*Fan into flame the gift of
God, which is in you*

2 TIMOTHY 1:6

A LENTEN RETREAT TO FEED YOUR INTERNAL FIRE, REFUEL & REFRESH

Join us for a deeper Lenten experience designed to ignite your spiritual life and help you find rest in His embrace.
Seven dynamic speakers will enlighten you on how to get more out of life, through:

PRAYER

When men work they work. When men pray, God works. Plug in to the power of prayer.

IDENTITY

You are not the sum of your successes, failures or career choices. You are a child of God.
Will you embrace how He sees you?

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit help us experience a greater love for God.
Learn how to be filled with a desire to see God working in your life and parish.

RECONCILIATION

Explore how the transforming power of confession lifts our burdens through God's mercy. The depth of God's love is revealed when we let go of our afflictions and let in His everlasting light.

EUCHARIST

Our Catholic faith is not a to-do list, it's an invitation to be in relationship with God. When we feel beaten down by the struggles of life, the Eucharist fills us with strength that comes from God.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

There is a difference between Holy obligation and Holy desire.
Life in the Spirit is life on fire.

BUILDING A FAMILY OF FAITH

We are called to bring Jesus to the center of our family as a parish and at home. Sharing this blessing strengthens each one of us as we walk shoulder to shoulder toward Heaven.

STOKE Women's Retreat

Sat. March 21: 9:30am-10:30pm

Sun. March 22: 7:30am-11:15am

STOKE Men's Retreat

Sat. March 28: 9:30am-10:30pm

Sun. March 29: 7:30am- 11:15am

Optional overnight stay 🔥 Meals provided & enjoyed together 🔥 Other relaxing amenities

Limited space, reserve @www.stmarypinckney.org/adult-faith-formation/

Suggested \$15 donation for food

Questions? Carissa@tricompr.com