

*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 5, 2020**

### **Week –At – A - Glance**

Friday, March 6, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7</li> <li>❖ Adams Girls shadowing grs. 2/4</li> <li>❖ 2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 6</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Children's Choir</li> </ul>
Monday, March 9, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ AUCTION WEEK DRESS DOWN</li> <li>❖ Morning Prayer; gr. 4</li> <li>❖ 3:15 S.B. Robotics teams 1, 2, 3</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Homework Help</li> </ul>
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ AUCTION WEEK DRESS DOWN</li> <li>❖ Spirit Wear Day</li> <li>❖ 7:30 Band gr. 5</li> <li>❖ Salsarita Lunch</li> <li>❖ 6:00 Education Team Meeting</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 11, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ AUCTION WEEK DRESS DOWN</li> <li>❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 3</li> <li>❖ 9:15 Grs. 3 and 4 to A2SO</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Comedy Night Tickets on sale</li> <li>❖ 6:00 S. B. Robotics Team 4</li> </ul>
Thursday, March 12, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ AUCTION WEEK DRESS DOWN</li> <li>❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>❖ 3:15 Chess Club</li> </ul>

	❖ 3:15 Homework Help
Friday, March 13, 2020	❖ AUCTION WEEK DRESS DOWN ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8 ❖ 9:30 4 <sup>th</sup> gr. to the Capitol ❖ 9:30 Reconciliation grs. 6 and 8 ❖ 10:00 For Kids' Sake Visit to Kindergarten ❖ 2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 5 ❖ 3:15 Children's Choir
Saturday, March 14, 2020	❖ 5:00 Mass led by St. Mary Students

## 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

**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!

### **Virtue of the Week**

**PERSEVERANCE meaning:** Taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties

**LOOKS LIKE:** Continuing to do something even when it is difficult, Continue to try something even when it is hard, Jesus carrying the cross, Calmly doing something again after making a mistake, Taking the time to do school work neatly and thoroughly

**SOUNDS LIKE:** I am going to keep practicing. I will get it next time. I am going to keep trying. I won't give up. Jesus, help me to carry my cross for the love of you. I will try it again. I won't give up. I will take the time to do my work well.

HEBREWS 12:1-2

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

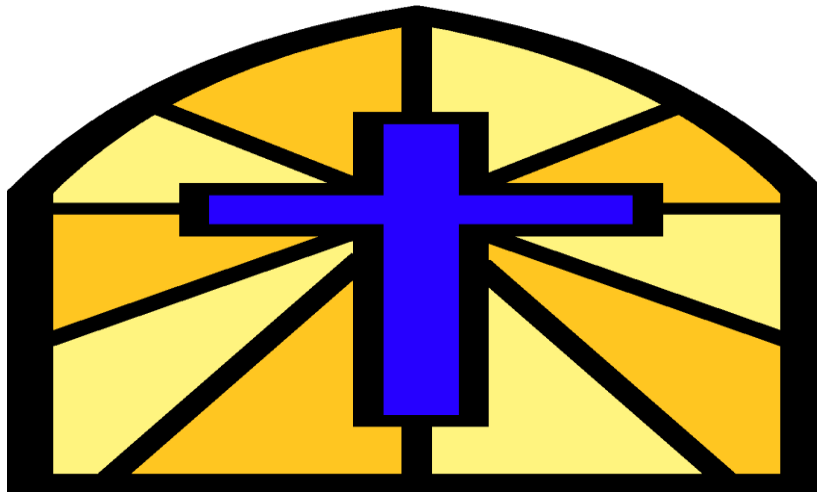
## **CLASSROOM NEWS**

### **MRS. HOUK'S 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE CLASS**

A joyous Lenten season to all! Greetings from the third grade! We are busy discussing Lent and all it means. We made Sacrifice Pendants to help us keep track of our sacrifices but also our random acts of kindness. We have been discussing ways to praise the Lord by doing both. Our goal is to become closer to the Lord as we wait for the Risen Christ.



Third graders have been busy taking the NWEA tests this week. We are looking forward to presenting book reports next week. The projects are always awesome! There will also be a field trip next week to Hill Auditorium to play our recorders with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. We are going with the fourth graders for this exciting event.



**FYI**



Welcome to  
Preschool



**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:** We will be opening registration for new families is now open. If you know of a family that has children in grades preschool to 8<sup>th</sup>, 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:** March is National Nutrition Month. Make healthy eating a part of your daily life. In the United States, lettuce is the second most popular fresh vegetable. It's no wonder that lettuce is so popular when you think about all the different kinds of salads you can make!



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

Genesis 12:1-4   Matthew 17:1-9

In the Old Testament reading, we hear the story of Abraham's call. God calls Abraham to a relationship of love and faithfulness. Abraham listens and obeys God's call. In this passage, Abraham is called to a life lived in covenanted relationship with the Lord. The promise of the Lord is that he will bless Abraham and his descendants for eternity.

The scene from this Gospel is a mountaintop where Jesus is brilliantly transformed before his disciples. The transfiguration of Jesus reveals Jesus' divinity. The dazzling image of Jesus on the mountaintop gives the disciples a glimpse of the promised glory that awaits all those who share in the life of Christ. Sharing in Christ's life includes sharing in his suffering. The brilliant vision of Jesus transfigured gives the disciples encouragement to face the struggles that lie ahead.

- How do you listen to and obey God?
- When have you experienced a great moment with God?
- How does the transfiguration of Jesus relate to your baptism?

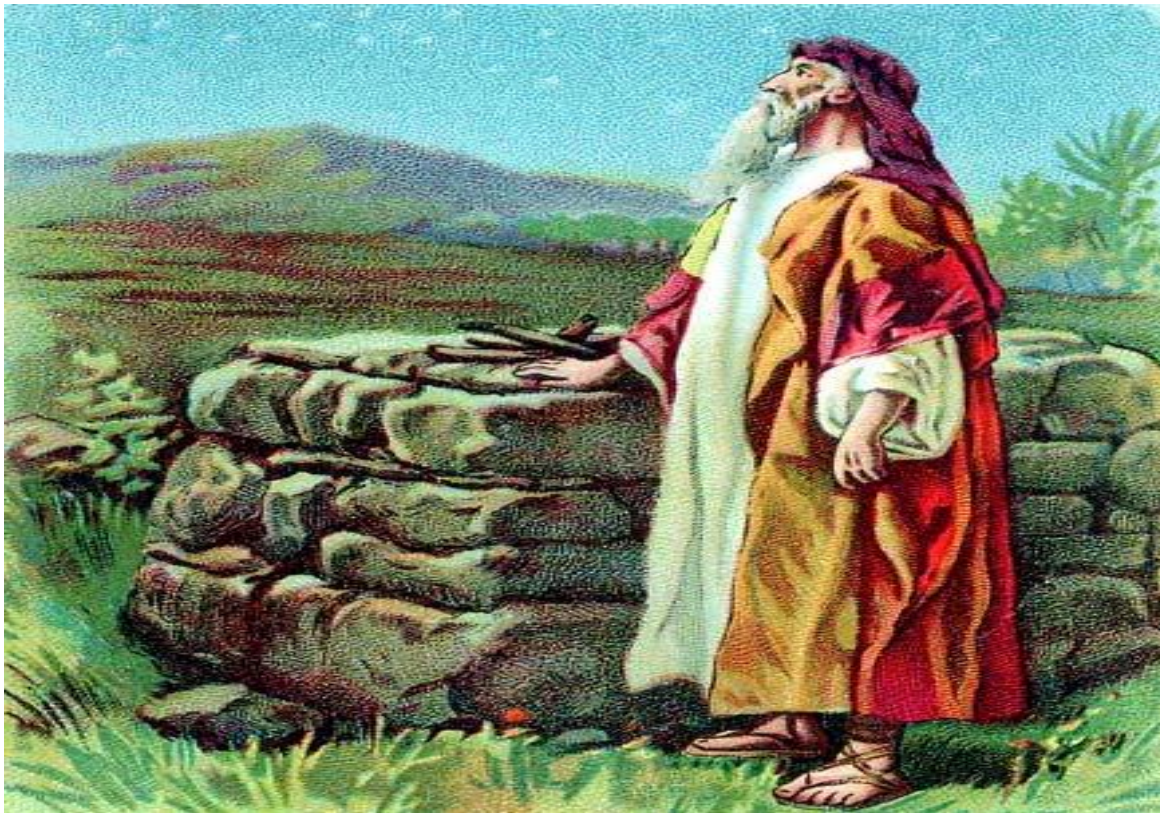
**Christ, Our Hope of Glory**

As human beings we are drawn to the glory of God. God alone is holy. And yet, humans can participate in the holiness of God. The path to holiness in a person's life begins with wonder and awe. Our reverence for God increases, as we become more aware of the greatness of God our Creator.

In this Gospel depicting the transfiguration, the disciples lower their heads in awe of the divine. When they hear the voice of God they fall forward, hiding their faces. Jesus tells the disciples not to be afraid. Like the first disciples, all Christians are called to listen for God's voice and respond without fear. When we open our hearts to God's call, we are transformed by divine grace.

## **The Gospel in Life**

What will you do to fill your cross with flowers during the season of Lent?





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!

**WWW.STMARYPINCKNEY.ORG**



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**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!**

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