

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

August 21, 2020

### Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, August 21, 2020	❖ Teacher Prep
Monday, August 24, 2020	❖ 7:30 Band; No early band this week ❖ Morning Prayer ❖ ½ Day of School; Noon Dismissal ❖ <b>SCHOOL FORMS SENT HOME WITH YOUNGEST/ONLY</b> ❖ <b>12:00 NO SCHOOL PICNIC DUE TO COVID ☹</b>
Tuesday, August 25, 2020	❖ 7:30 Band; No early band this week ❖ ½ Day of School; Noon Dismissal ❖ 7:00 Zoom Open House
Wednesday, August 26, 2020	❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 8 Closed to visitors ❖ First Full Day of classes' grs. 1-8 ❖ ½ <b>Day of School for PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ONLY</b>
Thursday, August 27, 2020	❖ 7:30 Band; No early band this week ❖ ½ <b>Day of School for PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ONLY</b>
Friday, August 28, 2020	❖ <b>SCHOOL FORMS DUE TO OFFICE</b>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8 Closed to visitors</li><li>❖ ½ Day of School for <b>PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ONLY</b></li></ul> |
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## LUNCH INFORMATION

Grades 6-8 Lunch 11:30-12:00

Grades K-5 Lunch 12:05 and 12:25

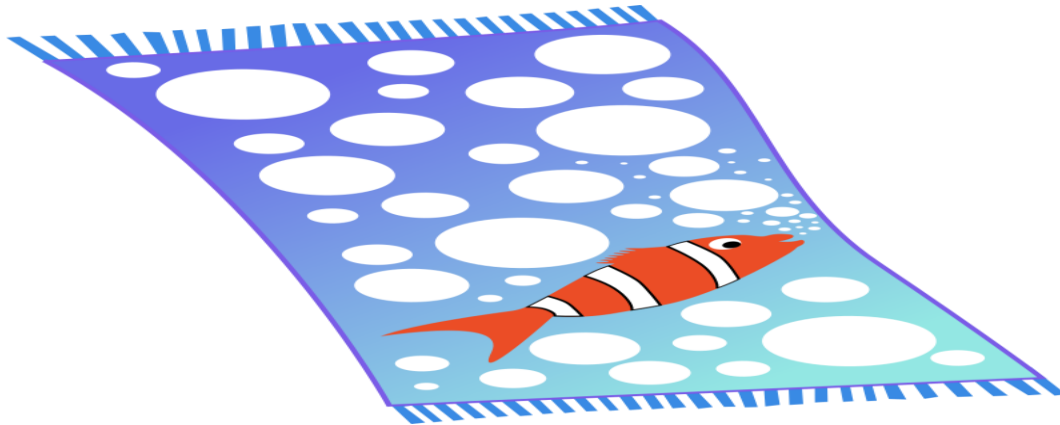
Please provide your students with everything they need to eat their lunch; plate, eating utensil, napkin, drink, condiments

## Principal Notes



**A St. Mary welcome to all of our new families:** We have many new families joining us this year. In no particular order: The Bernhard family, the Cavuoti family, the Graydon family, the House family, the MacDonald family, the

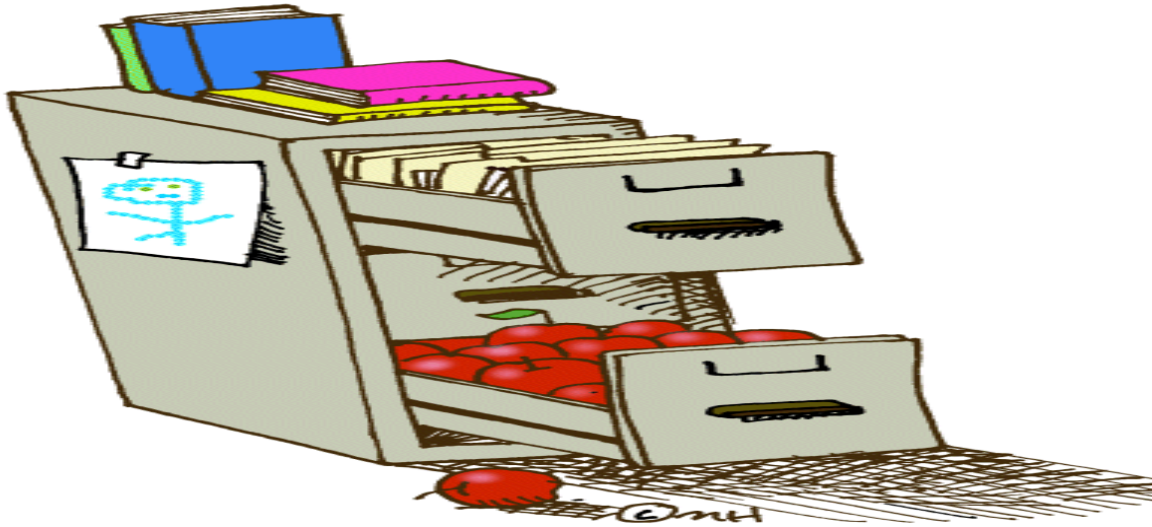
Stenberg family, the Bonkowski family, the Danek family, the Bickes family, the Bienemann family the Edgeworth family, the Liddick family, the Dempsey family, the Staley family, the Wheaton family, the Adams family, the Aiello family, the Asaro family, the Bissell family, the Filip family, the Harden family, the Morrone family, the Ward family, the Carruthers family, the Harden family, the Korte family, the Munker family, the Choi family, the Finkbeiner family, the Alexander family, and the McGlade family! Wow, God is Good, All the Time! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to them when you are around the school and building.



\*\*\*Please have your child bring a beach towel to school daily so that when teachers take the children outside for learning they have something to sit on. They will also use this towel to sit on at lunch. Using a cloth grocery bag or something equivalent to carry their towel and lunch bag in might make things easiest for your child to keep track of and carry. Please mark your student's items with their name.



**Office Forms:** All families K-8 will receive an envelope with all the office forms inside for each of their children on the first day of school. Please locate this envelope from your youngest or only child and fill them out and return in the envelope by Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. These forms include an emergency contact, concussion, photo permission, etc.



On **Tuesday, August 25**, we will have a Zoom Open House. This will be our first PTC Meeting of the year. All PTC meetings will be virtual this year happening on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00. I will send out a link late Monday afternoon or early Tuesday so that it doesn't get lost in your inbox.

We are so excited to be back in school! The staff and I have been working very diligently to ensure that procedures are in place to socially distance the children, have mask wearing, shields have been purchased as well to add extra protection when needed. We will have lots of hand washing throughout the day as that, along with face masks, are the best defense against Covid-19. Our Victory Sprayers are being delivered today. We have purchased Bioesque Botanical Disinfectant Solution to use in the sprayers. Along with sanitizing, it kills viruses, bacteria, fungi and molds INCLUDING the coronavirus within 4 minutes. This will be used throughout the day. It is safe for all surfaces including food areas.

**Please, please, if your child is not feeling well before school starts, do not send him/her to school. If we all work together, we can minimize the risk to everyone.**

Peace, Veronica Kinsey



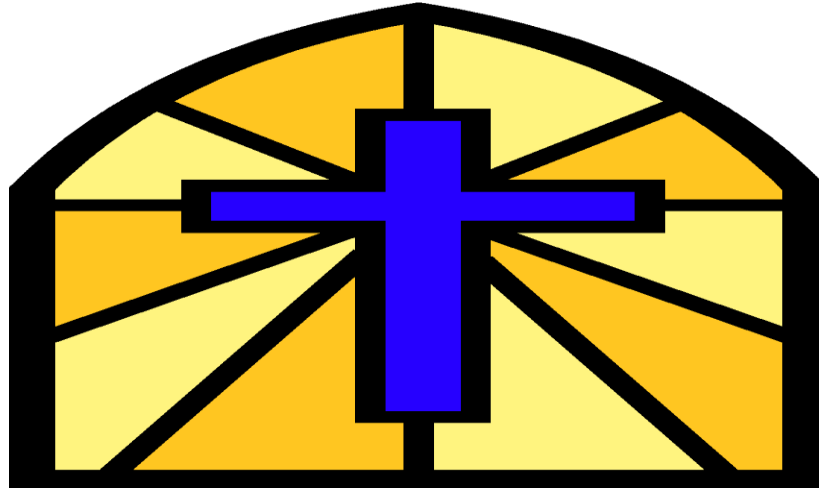
# CLASSROOM NEWS

Coming Soon! All the teachers are very excited to get back to business with their students.



**Library Books:** There are a number of books still missing from the library from last school year. Please look at your shelves and see if you might have something that belongs to the school. We are trying to get the inventory up to date. Thank You!





**FYI**

**NWEA TESTING WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> FOR GRADES 3-8. WE WILL ONLY BE TESTING READING AND MATH THIS YEAR.** Please ensure that your child gets plenty of rest the night before and a good breakfast so he/she can do their best on these important tests. They help us to have a better understanding of where the children are in their learning so we can meet them at their needs.



**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> we will have an outside MOVIE NIGHT!**

## Virtue of the Month

**Faith meaning: Believing in God and all He has revealed.**

### **Saints:**

**PreK-2: St. Martha** Feast day July 29<sup>th</sup> St. Martha believed in Jesus. She knew He was God and could do anything. When her brother Lazarus died, Martha told Jesus, “If only you had been here, Lord, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus asked Martha if she believed in Him, she said yes---and Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead!



**Grs. 3-5: St. Jerome** Feast day September 30<sup>th</sup>. St. Jerome was born into a wealthy pagan family and studied in Rome, where he became a lawyer. Because of his great intelligence, St. Jerome came to believe in God in his mind—but not in his heart. After he was baptized, he began to study about God, and it was then that he finally had a true conversion. St. Jerome then lived for years as a hermit in the Holy Land, and people said a lion lived with him. This is why the saint is shown with a lion in most paintings. St. Jerome became so famous for knowing Scripture that the pope asked him to help translate the Bible into Latin so that more people at that time and place could read it.





**Grs. 6-8: St. Augustine** Feast day August 28<sup>th</sup> After St. Paul, perhaps one of the most compelling stories of conversion to faith in Christ must be that of St. Augustine. Born of a pagan father, who became a Christian only on his deathbed, and of St. Monica, who was born and raised in the Christian faith, St. Augustine was blessed with great intelligence and burdened with an unruly heart. Although raised in the faith of his mother, St. Augustine was not baptized and drifted away from belief in God to follow the world. By the time he was 15, he was living with a woman outside of marriage, with whom he later had a son. St. Augustine's keen mind led him to the famous academic centers of the pagan Roman Empire, where he taught with great success. Unsettled in his understanding of the meaning of life, St. Augustine followed the philosophy of the Manichaeans for a time, which saw the world as a great struggle between good and evil and life in the body as something to be scorned.

The turning point in the saint's life finally came when, inspired by the mysterious words of a child to "take and read," St. Augustine opened up the Bible and his heart was opened to God. Baptized by St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan, Italy, St. Augustine fought against the heresies of the day—including Manichaeism—and became one of the most prolific writers on the Christian faith the world has ever known. Perhaps the most quoted of his sayings is the one that best describes the profound faith of St. Augustine: "Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You."





**Project Healthy Schools Wellness Tip:** More than 70% of your body's weight is water. Make sure you drink lots of water throughout the day to keep that healthy balance. You can even make your water more exciting. Try adding a slice of lemon, lime, cucumber or watermelon to your water.



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

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Matthew 16:13-20

In the first reading from the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah prepares the people for a change in leadership. Isaiah brings God's message that Eliakim will replace Shebna. God will put great trust in Eliakim and give to him the "key to the House of David." Eliakim will do all things in the name of God. Along with leadership comes responsibility. God chose Eliakim to be a caring leader who treats the people with respect.

In the gospel, Peter professes his faith in Jesus. Jesus asks his friends what they believe about him. Peter replies, "You are the Messiah." For this statement Jesus gives Peter the "keys of the kingdom of heaven," and calls Peter "Rock," the foundation stone upon which Jesus will build his Church.

Peter's faith in Jesus' identity is a gift from God. Peter is given the task of passing on the faith. Jesus entrusts the keys to Peter and God's power is given to the entire community of believers.

- ❖ What kind of leader does God want Eliakim to be?
- ❖ What kind of a leader is Jesus?

- ❖ Why does Jesus choose Peter to be the rock upon which he will build his Church?

## **Petrine Ministry in the Church**

Peter is the foundational leader upon whom Jesus built his Church. Catholics believe that the charge of shepherding the Catholic Church has passed down from Peter to successive holders of the office of bishop of Rome.

The pope is the bishop of Rome and the head of the Roman Catholic Church. Our Church teaches that as pastor of the entire Church, the pope has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church. Bishops are successors to the apostles in their role as teachers and pastors. Together with their leader, the pope and never apart from him, they have full authority over the Church.

The pope is a spiritual leader. His leadership is modeled after the Good Shepherd, Christ, who is compassionate and loving. The pope witnesses to Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit by spreading love, justice, peace, and holiness throughout the world.

## **Sacrament Connection**

The sacrament of Holy Orders celebrates the ordaining of a man as a bishop, a priest, or a deacon, to serve the People of God in the name of Jesus. From the days of the apostles, bishops, priests and deacons have served the Church.

## **The Gospel in Life**

How can you find out more about our current Pope John Paul II this week?



“Ask Jesus what he wants  
from you and be brave!”

-Pope Francis

