

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

February 4, 2021

### Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, February 5, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5</li> <li>❖ <b>CRAZY SOCKS/MOVIE &amp; POPCORN(free) DAY</b></li> <li>❖ First Friday Food Drive (Souper Bowl tally)</li> <li>❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families.</li> </ul>
Monday, February 8, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Morning Prayer; Mrs. Kinsey</li> <li>❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families.</li> </ul>
Tuesday, February 9, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Spirit Wear Day</li> <li>❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families.</li> <li>❖ 7:00 PTC Meeting via Zoom</li> </ul>
Wednesday, February 10, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 Elementary Mass; gr. 3</li> <li>❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families.</li> </ul>
Thursday, February 11, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families.</li> </ul>
Friday, February 12, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families.</li><li>❖ 2:00 Valentine's Day Party</li></ul> |
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## LUNCH INFORMATION

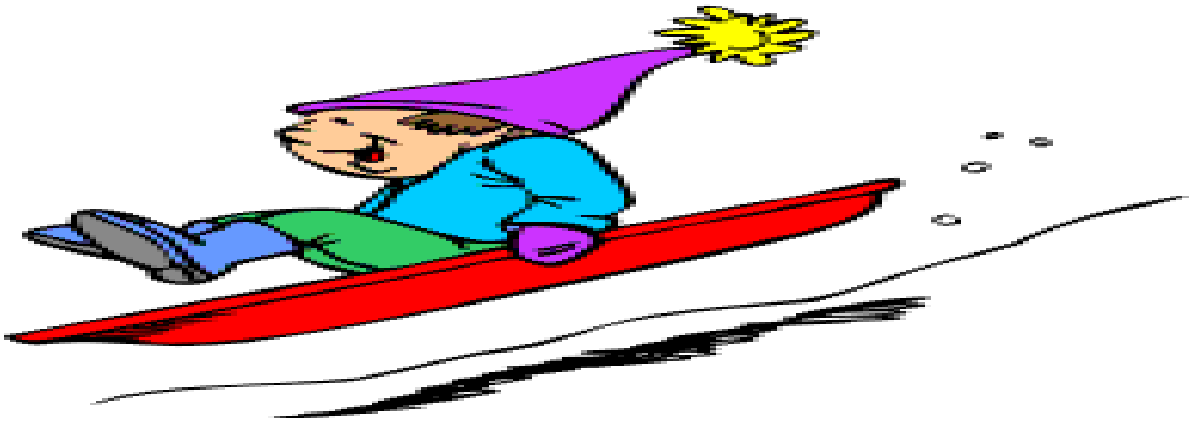
**Grades 6-8 Lunch 11:30-12:00**

**Grades 3-5 Lunch 12:05**

**Grades K-2 Lunch 12:25**

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

## Principal Notes



**Sledding Day WILL BE RESCHEDULED WHEN WE HAVE ENOUGH SNOW ON THE HILL!:** We will have a sledding day at school. **Students are required to wear OUTSIDE WINTER GEAR:** Winter coat, snow pants, boots, gloves, etc. For safety purposes, NO RUNNER SLEDS. Students should be able to carry/drag their own sled! Please mark your family name on the sled in a visible spot.



**Fish Dinners:** St. Mary School will be working with the St. Mary Men's Club this Lenten season to help with their annual Fish Dinners. The Men's Club are generously donating 90% of the profits back to the school to go towards the Dible Tuition Scholarship. (The other 10% will go towards cleaning the kitchen this summer.) These funds will help replace the \$15,000.00 that usually comes from our annual auction. What a blessing!

There will be six Fridays during Lent that we will need to help. They are expecting to serve (carry out only) 500 meals each night. Lots of hands will be needed to help package parts of the meal, put meals together, clean pots and pans, run from the multi-use room to the car to deliver the meal, etc. We are going to try to have two different pick up areas, one in the front and one in the back to make things go smoothly so we may need someone directing traffic in the parking lot.

Please see the sign up genius today below to see where you can help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4caeaf2baaf4c07-fish>

**IF we can get 75% of our school families to volunteer, the school students will have a most coveted PJ Day!**

# FACTS REGISTRATION IS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

Multitasking at its best. That's what you get with our FACTS tuition payment plan. This simple-to-enroll, simple-to-use, online tuition management tool gives you access from anywhere, including your desk. Whether you're in between meetings or taking a break from your email, tuition payments can easily be managed from your phone, tablet, or computer. We know life doesn't slow down, but we don't want you to miss your chance to enroll.

You still have time to enroll:

- Sign up for a payment plan by visiting:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3YJ8Z>

**This is an updated link from FACTS and will take you directly to the sign in! \*\*Please list your student(s) in the grade they will be in for the FALL session and not their current grade.**

- You can enroll in our FACTS payment plan: February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Our FACTS payment plan offers payments on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.



**Preschool Enrollment for 2021-2022** will open to all current Preschool families Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and will open to the public Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please email or call the office for paperwork.

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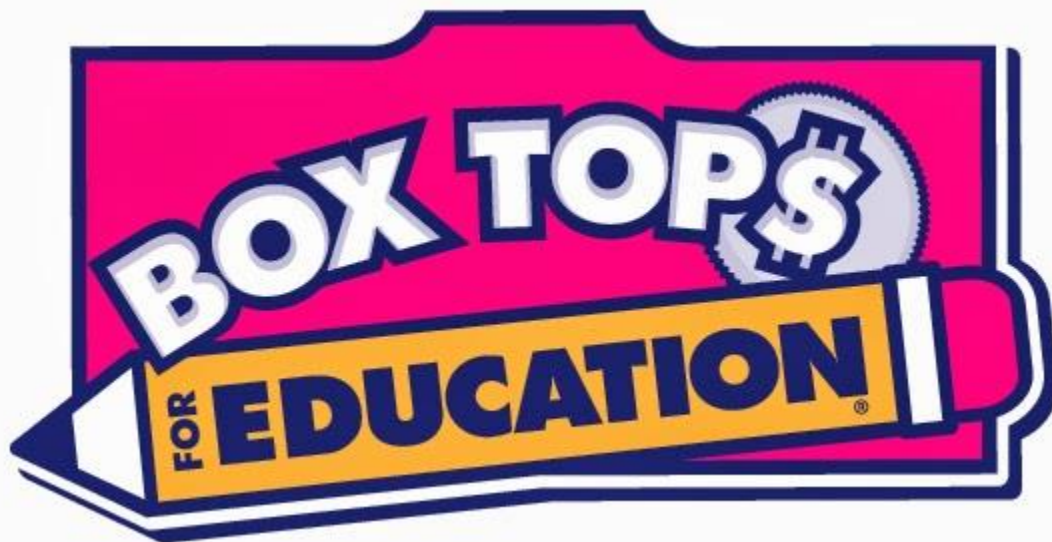
**SAVE THE DATE! 2021-2022 Kindergarten Parent Meeting:** will take place on Tuesday, **February 23, 2021 at 6:30**. This is an informational meeting for parents. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for Kindergarten Screen which will take place on Monday, March 8 during the day. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Long on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to learn the results of the screening. Please call the school office if you have questions at 734-878-5616. This will be a zoom meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82658380029?pwd=eFh1QlprK0EyR1hoWWR5UHh4enpMZz09&fbclid=IwAR2aBaLA4v\\_ebQj9YqdJuEqSpeXqyo4GKU7Wwxily5Jl0sSB0AAsrueq740#success](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82658380029?pwd=eFh1QlprK0EyR1hoWWR5UHh4enpMZz09&fbclid=IwAR2aBaLA4v_ebQj9YqdJuEqSpeXqyo4GKU7Wwxily5Jl0sSB0AAsrueq740#success) or **Meeting ID: 826 5838 0029 Passcode: XXA3Xh**

**St. Mary School Scholarship is now available. If you are in need of financial assistance, please email Mrs. Kinsey, [mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:mrskinsey@stmarypinckney.org), for an application. Please note that all applications will be kept in strict confidence. The deadline for this application is Friday, March 19, 2021. You will need a copy of your latest W2 along with the application. All paperwork must be turned in for the application to be considered.**





[Diocesan Scholarship Application](#) is now available. When you apply, please be sure that your need is greater than the \$750 per child and that your child is Catholic. Please see the information at the end of the Messenger for greater detail! Note deadlines!!



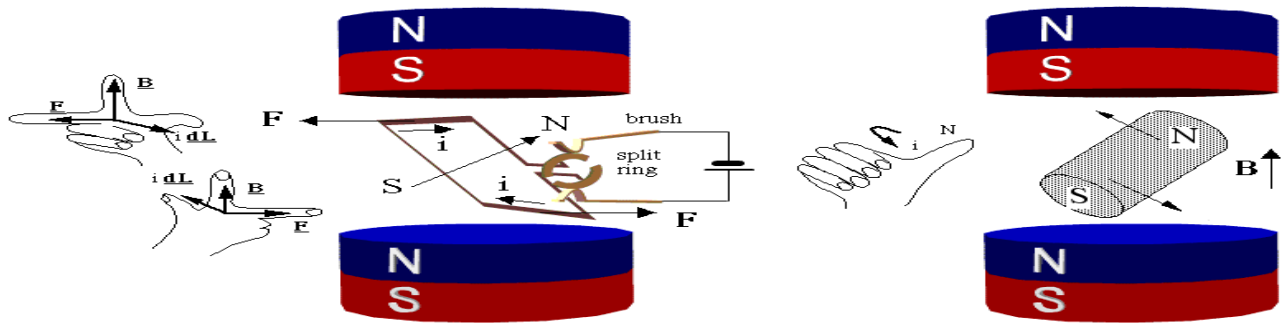
<https://www.boxtops4education.com/How-To-Earn>

**Click on the link to find out how you can help our school earn easy money through Box Tops for Education. You no longer need to cut them out but just scan them to your phone from your store receipt! How easy is that.**

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## MRS. GOLM'S MS SCIENCE CLASSES

The 8th graders have been working hard learning all about energy this past quarter. Some of their activities included building and testing pendulums and windmills. They watched and graphed the transfer of energy involved in both. I think the most fun was when they built electromagnets and determined the best way to increase its strength. Their purpose was to learn how to build and where to put a generator on a piece of property in Michigan in case they ever wanted to live “off the grid”.



They are now beginning a new unit on. They will learn all about temperature, heat and thermal energy. They will put their knowledge to good use and build a model of a dog crate that the humane society can use to keep dogs cool outside in the summer in case they are ever overcrowded.



The 7th graders are also beginning a new unit. They are investigating why siblings have some of the same physical traits but differ in other traits. We will be learning in particular about how we taste and how we see color. Why are some siblings color blind when their parents and siblings are not? It's a mystery they will be solving!

### How to describe someone's hair

Listen to the words, repeat and memorize them.

1. LENGTH	2. STYLE	3. COLOUR
 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> short	 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> curly	 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> blond
 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> shoulder length	 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> wavy	 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> brown
 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> long	 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> straight	 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> red
		 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> grey
		 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> white
		 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> black

When you want to describe someone's hair, you start with the **LENGTH** of the hair, then the **STYLE**, and finally the **COLOUR**:

**LENGTH + STYLE + COLOUR**

3 examples:

He has got short, curly red hair. (UK)  
 He has short, curly red hair. (US)

She has got long, wavy brown hair. (UK)  
 She has long, wavy brown hair. (US)

She has got long, straight blond hair. (UK)  
 She has long, straight blond hair. (US)

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## **Virtue of the Month:**

**Honesty:** meaning: being trustworthy and true

Everyone wants to be a man or woman of integrity. To have integrity, we need to let our faith carry through to every part of our lives. When our words match our actions, we are trustworthy and true. The eighth commandment, “You shall not bear false witness”, commands us to be honest in all we say and do. Yet a mature person also knows when it is better to say nothing at all: we might sound good, but no one really thinks we’re virtuous when we say something unkind followed by, “but it’s true!” That actually makes us sound untrustworthy—the opposite of honesty. It shows others that we are saying we are virtuous (telling the truth) while acting out of vice (being mean). This is the opposite of integrity. If you want to be a person of honesty and integrity, the next time you’re hesitant to say something, ask yourself these three questions: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it helpful?

**Saint of the Month** for Preschool to grade 2: Blessed Francesco Marto and Blessed Jacinta Marto. Feast day is February 20



Mary appeared to the children Francesco, Jacinta, and Lucia, but some people thought they were lying. These people told the children to change their story or they would get in trouble, but the children did not give up, because they were telling the truth.

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**Saint of the Month** for grades 3-5: Saint Kateri Tekakwitha. Feast Day is July 14.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha belonged to a Native American tribe near New York State. Kateri's mother was a Christian but her father was not. When her parents both died and left her an orphan, St. Kateri asked to be baptized and then promised her life to God. Her non-Christian relatives made fun of her belief in God, but St. Kateri remained true to her faith. She journeyed over 200 miles on foot to a Christian settlement of Native Americans and lived the rest of her life there, praying and serving the people. After her death, people prayed to her for help, and miracles were performed through her intercession.



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**Saint of the Month** for Middle School: Saint Athanasius. Feast Day is May 2.



St. Athanasius studied the Greek classics and theology in Alexandria, where he became bishop. He attended the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. and defended the faith against the heresy of Arianism, which claimed that Jesus was a mere creature and not truly God. Athanasius taught that Jesus was God the Son, having the same nature as God the Father. This sounds normal to us who profess this in the Creed, but the Council of Nicaea is what added this section to the Apostles Creed, because the issue was hotly debated at the time, and saints like Athanasius realized that the divinity of Christ was an issue of vital importance.

Religious and political leaders persecuted him for remaining steadfast to this great truth of our faith, sending him into exile five times, for a total of 17 years. Yet he never wavered in remaining faithful to the truth, and we continue to profess the Creed as he taught it, almost 1,700 years later!



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**Project Healthy Schools:** 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! (A DONUT IS NOT BREAKFAST! ☺)

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

Job 7:1-4, 6-7    Mark 1:29-39

This first reading from the Old Testament gives us a glimpse of the suffering of a faithful person. Job is being put to the test. Will he remain faithful to God even when life becomes difficult and painful? Job's suffering helps us to see that innocent human suffering cannot be easily explained. Job calls out to God and his cries are a sign of his faithfulness. God is with Job through his suffering.



In the gospel we find Jesus healing the sick and casting out demons. Jesus takes Simon's sick mother-in-law by the hand and makes her well. Many people come to Jesus and he restores goodness and health to those in need. This passage shows Jesus taking time to pray in order to deal with the pressures of his public ministry. Jesus' healing love shows that good is more powerful than evil. The presence of Jesus reveals the saving love of God to the world.

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- Does it help Job to know that God is with him in his suffering?
- With so much work to do, why does Jesus take time to pray?
- How does the Church help to bring the healing power of Jesus into the world?

## **The Problem of Evil**

All human beings experience suffering and pain. Like Job, it is difficult for believers to understand why God allows evil and suffering to exist in the world. The Church teaches that evil causes the imperfections that cause human suffering. However, the meaning of suffering will always remain a mystery.

When reflecting on the problem of evil it is important to look at the power of God's love. We believe that God is good and all-powerful. God's Son shared our suffering and death so that our sins would be forgiven. Jesus came to save us from all sin. Jesus continues to bring God's healing love into the world through the Church and with the power of the Spirit.





*Jesus, I love  
You*

### **Sacrament Connection**

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick celebrates the healing power of God's love. In the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick we are given the strength to face sickness and death with courage and hope. Through the power of the Holy Spirit this sacrament continues Christ's work of healing among us.

### **The Gospel in Life**

Bring your card of comfort to someone who is sick or in pain this week.

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## Affording Catholic Education

**The Diocese of Lansing awarded more than \$523,000 in scholarships to help families afford Catholic school for the 2020/21 school year.**

Many families need and receive financial assistance for Catholic school tuition. Diocese of Lansing Catholic schools believe that a Catholic education should be available, accessible and affordable to any family that wants to provide their children with an authentically Catholic, academically rigorous education.

Our 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.

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### Eligibility Criteria for All Scholarships

- Family must complete a [FACTS financial aid application online](#) on or before **March 1, 2021**.
- Student must show a financial need of at least \$750
- The Student must be Catholic, attend a Diocese of Lansing school, and belong to a parish in the Diocese of Lansing.

## Scholarships for the 2021-22 School Year

### Diocese of Lansing Grants

- Grades K-8: \$750 per student
- Grades 9-12: \$1000 per student

### The Venerable Augustus Tolton Scholarship

- Grades K-12: \$500

*The Venerable Augustus Tolton Scholarship* is aimed at increasing the number of Catholic African American students in the Diocese of Lansing's Catholic schools. It will operate under the patronage of Venerable Augustus Tolton (1854-97), a former slave who became the first African American priest in the United States. This grant is \$500 per student. In addition to the Grant Criteria for all grants, student must be African-American or Black and show a need of at least \$500.

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### Applying for Financial Aid

- **The deadline for applications is March 1, 2021.**
- 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.
- Applicants can complete the online form by clicking the FACTS link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

**About the FACTS application:** The link will be available December 1, 2020 and **will close March 1, 2021**. After March 1, 2021 please contact your school directly. There is a \$35.00 fee payable to FACTS through their online application process.

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. 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 2021.

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, Renee Fischman at 517-267-2107 or by email: [renee.fischman@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:renee.fischman@lansingcatholic.org).

### Frequently Asked Questions About the Financial Aid Process

- **What if my application is submitted after March 1 2021, am I eligible for financial aid?**
  - You must have your application completed by March 1<sup>st</sup> and *all required documents* to FACTS by April 1, 2021. Applications received after that date are not eligible for the Diocese of Lansing grants, but you may still be eligible for financial assistance from your school. Contact your school directly for more information.
- **Do I have to complete separate applications for my children if they attend different schools?**
  - No, you submit one application per family. You list each student and the school they attend on one application. The Diocese of Lansing and each school will receive your determination.
- **Do I have to complete separate applications for each grant available?**
  - You do not have to complete separate applications for each grant for the Diocese of Lansing. Please contact your school directly for information on their financial assistance available.
- **What if I do not have access to a computer, and cannot complete the form online?**
  - Many schools will let you use a computer in their library; please contact your school directly for more information.
- **I can complete the form online but I cannot upload or scan the documents, what do I do?**
  - Many schools can help you upload the document. Contact your school office for more information.
- **When will I know if I qualified for any financial assistance?**
  - You will receive letters by May 30 from the Diocese of Lansing, notifying you of your determination and amount of financial assistance. If you qualified for a grant, your school will also be notified of the grant and the amount.

- **I did not qualify for any financial assistance from the Diocese of Lansing, is there anything I can do to receive financial assistance.**
- If it was determined that you did not show a financial need, and you still require financial assistance. You can contact your school directly for assistance. *There is no appeal process for the Diocese of Lansing grants.*
- **I have other questions regarding tuition and financial aid, who do I contact?** If you have questions about the Diocese of Lansing grants, please contact:

**Kathy Ruddock**

Diocese of Lansing

Financial aid Advisor

[kruddock@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:kruddock@dioceseoflansing.org)

(517) 342-2482

If you have, questions on the FACTS application please contact FACTS customer care at 1-866-441-4637. If you have questions regarding tuition and financial aid from your school, please contact them directly.





**Drive thru and carry out a sensational,  
fish dinner any Friday during Lent!**

**Two Menu Options:**

**1. Bated & Baked**

Baked fish,  
au gratin potatoes (GF),  
mac & cheese,  
coleslaw, dessert

**2. Fried on Friday**

Fried fish,  
french fries,  
mac & cheese,  
coleslaw, dessert

**4-7pm Fridays  
During Lent  
February 19 & 26  
March 5, 12, 19, 26**



**10601 Dexter Pinckney Road  
734-878-3161**

**Cash, check or credit card accepted – Visa, MasterCard, American Express**

## Fish Fry 2021 Order Form

*After School Pick UP*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Baked Fish** Includes Au Gratin potatoes (Gluten Free), Mac n'Cheese,  
Coleslaw and Snickerdoodle

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fried Fish** Includes French fries, Mac n'Cheese, Coleslaw and  
Snickerdoodle

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Please have Order and Payment turned into office NO LATER than THURSDAY (9:00 a.m.)

No Substitutions/Deletions are permitted as meals will be packaged according to the latest health and safety standards.

Pick-Up will be at the gym door at 3:30 p.m. You will pick your children up in usual fashion and then pull around to the gym entrance. There you will be greeted and handed your order; without having to get out of your car.

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