

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 28, 2021

Week –At – A - Glance

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| Friday, January 29, 2021 | ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8 |
| Monday, February 1, 2021 | ❖ Morning Prayer; Mrs. Kinsey ❖ Catholic Schools Week Begins ❖ PJ AND READING DAY ❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families. ❖ Souper Bowl collection |
| Tuesday, February 2, 2021 | ❖ HAT DAY ❖ 4:30 JV and 5:30 Varsity Basketball away at SSA Plymouth ❖ 7:00 Confirmation ❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families. ❖ Souper Bowl collection |
| Wednesday, February 3, 2021 | ❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 6 ❖ SLEDDING DAY ❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families. ❖ Souper Bowl collection |
| Thursday, February 4, 2021 | ❖ SPORTS WEAR/RANDOM FITNESS |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families. ❖ Souper Bowl collection |
| Friday, February 5, 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 5 ❖ CRAZY SOCKS/MOVIE & POPCORN(free) DAY ❖ First Friday Food Drive (Souper Bowl tally) ❖ FACTS Registration Open for all current families. |

LUNCH INFORMATION

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

Grades 3-5 Lunch 12:05

Grades K-2 Lunch 12:25

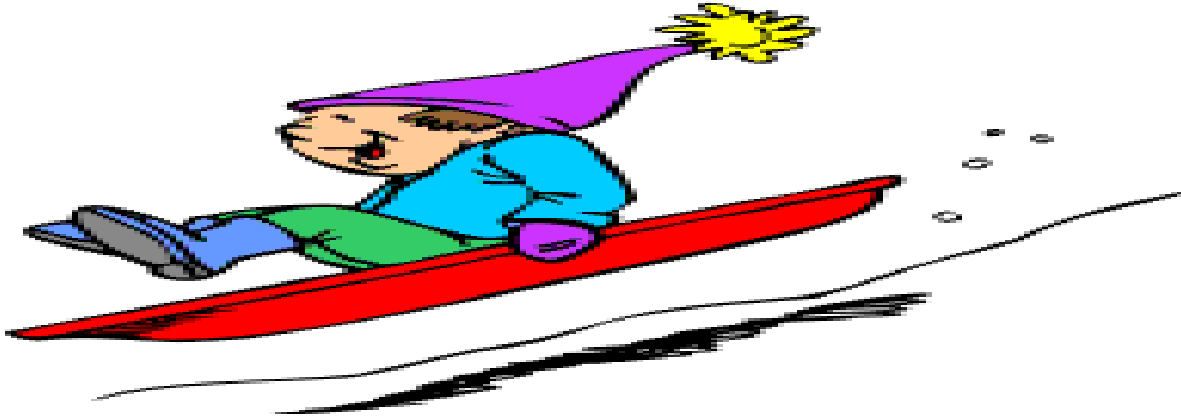
Please provide your students with everything they need to eat their lunch; plate, eating utensil, napkin, drink, condiments

Principal Notes

HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK!



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Sledding Day Wednesday, February 3rd: We will have a sledding day at school on Wednesday next week. **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. (If we do not have enough snow on the hill then we will pick another day for this to happen and will let you know. There currently is NOT enough snow on the hills that we usually use. I would prefer not to use the hill at the road.)



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!



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



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 11th 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 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, 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.

SCHOLARSHIP

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!!

Snow Day Information: All families are on a phone chain for snow days. You will receive a text/phone message from Mrs. Kinsey letting you know if a SNOW DAY happens. It will also be put on TV channel WXYZ (7) and NBC (4) and I'm pretty sure FOX (2). Generally, if Pinckney schools are closed for snow/ice, we will be closed. (We will not close for "cold" days as we will be inside out of the cold and our students do not wait for a bus in the morning.)

Article in the paper: <https://welovedexter.com/2021/01/10/people-need-this-st-mary-students-parishioners-shine-lights-in-the-darkness/?fbclid=IwAR3ue2UU7Kt4RumOC15lvjHipPEguLZmSs5Wfonxgs-RvHTI4PChMO6Zlg8>



The Souper Bowl is here: Are you excited about the teams that are playing in the Super Bowl this year? St. Mary students have the opportunity to vote for their favorite team as part of the Souper Bowl here at the school. Which team is your favorite the Kansas City Chiefs or the Tampa Bay Buccaneers? Students can vote for their favorite team by placing

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food/pantry items in the bind. The team with the most items is our guess for the real winning team of the Super Bowl. We have a pretty good track record of guessing the winning team. Items will be donated to our parish food pantry.

CLASSROOM NEWS

MRS. BROCK'S CLASSES

Are we really already halfway through the year? The end of the second quarter just passed us and the sixth grade is moving forward! In Religion, we have been focusing on Moses and the journey through the desert. We have spent much time looking at the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes.



Literature has been working with short stories and various narrations, with stories such as "The King of Mazy May" and "Zlateh the Goat". We are currently working on writing personal narratives.



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The diagram illustrates the water cycle with the following components and processes:

- Evaporation:** Water from the ocean surface turns into vapor and rises into the atmosphere.
- Transpiration:** Water from land plants turns into vapor and rises into the atmosphere.
- Condensation:** Water vapor in the atmosphere cools and forms clouds.
- Precipitation:** Water falls from the clouds as rain or snow over both land and water.
- Runoff:** Water flows over the surface of land and water bodies.
- Infiltration:** Water seeps into the ground from the surface.
- Subsurface Outflow:** Water moves underground through the ground.

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MR. HARTMAN'S MUSIC CLASSES

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Music classes are spent using a variety of listening and learning opportunities that do not involve hand instruments.

K-2 students spend time singing, clapping, and body percussion as they learn rhythm and melodic direction. Singing and moving to traditional children songs is not only fun for students, they also learn a lot about the basic elements of music.



The 3rd - 8th grade students use various learning programs with the use of a Chromebook. This year, we have also added Music Appreciation for the middle school students. This class is in addition to the regular music class. Throughout the semester, Music Appreciation gives students the opportunity to learn about the history of western music, which includes composers and their music, from the Middle Ages to the 20th century.



We hope to still be able to highlight each class in the spring with a class performance, even if it is a recorded performance that is shared virtually. This year has presented many challenges to our music program and performances. I am certainly looking forward to getting back to "normal" as I continue to provide the best music instruction to the students here at St. Mary. As always, I appreciate your continued encouragement and support as your child's music teacher this year!

Mr. Hartman, Music Director

FYI

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



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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.

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!

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Mark 1:21-28

Jesus mostly taught in synagogues and specifically in this reading, the synagogue at Capernaum was filled with Jewish people from Galilee. The people who heard Jesus were surprised by his knowledge and authority. He especially surprised them when he cast out an evil spirit from one of the men. The evil spirit was the only one to realize Jesus' true identity, and the spirit called him "the Holy One of God." The people didn't understand this meaning, but they were impressed by Jesus' deeds. They brought others to Jesus for healing.



- How do you think people reacted to Jesus' words and actions?
- How can we be free just by trusting in Jesus?

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- How does Jesus continue to speak to us today and teach us how to live?

Jesus is prophet, teacher and Lord.

Jesus mediates between us and God just as prophets of the Old Testament mediated for God and the Israelites. Jesus is different from other prophets, however, in that he is the Word of God made flesh. He is the ultimate Word of God. Jesus is also a teacher because he is God's Son and can fully express and reveal God to humanity. We must obey Jesus because he teaches with God's complete authority. We know Jesus teaches not only with words but with his actions. Jesus is truly a model of holiness.



We understand the divinity of Jesus and know that he is "Lord." Jesus is given the same power, honor, and glory that is due God. Because Jesus saves us from sin and wins a place for us in the kingdom of God, his name is above all others.

Sacrament Connection

Through the Eucharist we know that Jesus is always with us. The bread and the wine of Jesus' holy meal become his Body and Blood. In the sacrament of Eucharist we know that God is with us through Jesus, and we must always

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listen to and obey the words Jesus gave us. We know God through Jesus and every time we receive Eucharist, we know Jesus is with us as prophet, teacher and Lord.



The Gospel in Life

Jesus had the power to drive out an evil spirit. Think of one thing you can do this week to help drive out evil in some area of your life.

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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.

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.

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.

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 1st 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

(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.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

St. Mary's Catholic Parish Pinckney

St. Mary's Men's Club

is proudly sponsoring its Annual Lenten Fish Dinners

Friday's during Lent!



TAKE-OUT ONLY: 4pm-7pm

Friday's: February 19 — March 26, 2021

COST: \$10 with the following two menu options:

1. BAKED FISH, AU GRATIN POTATOES, MAC & CHEESE, COLESLAW, DESSERT
2. FRIED FISH, FRENCH FRIES, MAC & CHEESE, COLESLAW, DESSERT



Proceeds to St. Mary Catholic School