

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 11, 2021

### Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, February 12, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7</li> <li>❖ <b>FACTS Registration Open for all current families until Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>.</b></li> <li>❖ 2:00 Valentine's Day Party</li> <li>❖ 4:30 JV Boys' Basketball at St. Paul</li> </ul>
Monday, February 15, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Morning Prayer; Mrs. Kinsey</li> <li>❖ No School: Winter Break</li> </ul>
Tuesday, February 16, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>❖ 6:00 Education Team Meeting/Zoom</li> </ul>
Wednesday, February 17, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 8 (Ash Wednesday)</li> <li>❖ 3:30 Tour Slade Family</li> </ul>
Thursday, February 18, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Dress Down Day</b></li> <li>❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>❖ 4:30 JV and Varsity Boys' Basketball home</li> <li>❖ 9:00 Fish Dinner Preorders w/\$ due</li> </ul>
Friday, February 19, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ 2:50 Stations of the Cross; gr. 8</li><li>❖ Fish Dinner Carry out only</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

**Don't forget to sign up to help at the Fish Fry Dinners!**



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**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. Students who are *currently* in 8<sup>th</sup> grade do not need to be re-enrolled.**

- **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 sign up at FACTS to register and fill out the paperwork later! We will send you the paperwork once we see that you are signed up!



**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. MABLE'S CLASSES

Greetings from the 8th grade! We are working on some very exciting projects and are blessed to be in-person for this! In Religion, we have just finished our Saints Panel Presentation. Each student took the role of a saint and answered questions that pertained to their saint as well as giving advice to young Christians in today's world.



In Literature, we just finished our Wetlands speeches. Each student persuaded their audience either to build or not build on the Wetlands. We will be starting our research papers next and they will take a position and argue it in a research paper format.



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In Social Studies we are studying the Progressive Era and are preparing to discuss World War I.

In conjunction with the seventh grade we will be conducting a simulation of the 1787 Constitutional Convention. Each 7th and 8th grader will be taking the role of a delegate from the convention and debate the points of the Constitution with the outcome of compromise. This will be outgoing for the next several weeks.



Lastly, we are selling candy grams to raise money for our Chicago Trip. They are \$1.25. Send in an envelope with your money, who is receiving the gram, that person's grade and who it is from. Grams will be passed out on February 18. Sales end on February 17. Thank you for your support.



God Bless,

Mrs. Mable and the 8th grade

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# 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! (A DONUT IS NOT BREAKFAST! ☺)

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

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46      Mark 1:40-45

In the first reading from the Old Testament we are shown the terrible plight of those suffering from infectious diseases. The priests are instructed to examine anyone suffering from skin diseases. If it is determined that a person is unclean, they are required to live outside the community. This treatment may have been due to fear of the disease spreading. When this Old Testament passage was written, the understanding was that holy people must be physically and morally well.



This gospel deals with the subject of illness and healing. The healing that Jesus performs on the man with leprosy shows that Jesus has come into the world to restore health and bring people back to God. Because leprosy was such a dreadful skin disease, the leper's bold approach to Jesus and Jesus' loving response are all the more meaningful. Jesus is moved with compassion by the sight of the man. Jesus acts, and the man is completely cured. Jesus

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urges the man to tell no one of his healing, but the man promptly goes out and tells others the great news—that he is healed.



- What did it mean to be holy in Old Testament times?
- Why does Jesus have compassion for the sick?
- When have you been so excited about something that you had to tell others about the news?

## **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

Jesus showed great compassion for those who were sick. He helped people believe in the goodness and healing power of God. While he did not heal everyone, his miracles showed the coming of the kingdom of God. The Church continues the healing mission of Jesus by taking care of those who are ill, by praying for them, and by celebrating the sacrament of anointing of the sick.



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In the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, the Word of God is proclaimed from sacred Scripture. Then a silent laying on of hands by either a priest or bishop occurs, followed by the offering of the prayer of faith. Then the person who is sick is anointed with holy oil by the priest or bishop while the following words are said: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up." The anointing can be made on the forehead and on the palms of the hands. The sacrament can be celebrated in a private home, in a hospital, in a nursing facility, or in a church. Families and parishioners are encouraged to be present to offer the comfort and support of the whole Church.



## **Sacrament Connection**

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick strengthens one's faith and gives those who are seriously ill or dying the grace to face their sickness. Through the Sacrament, the Holy Spirit offers the gifts of courage, hope and peace.

## **The Gospel in Life**

How can you offer prayers for those who are sick 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.

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## 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

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- 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

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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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