

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 25, 2021

### Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, February 26, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6</li> <li>❖ <b>Leftover Sucker Sale \$1.00</b></li> <li>❖ Tour: Finley Family</li> <li>❖ 2:45 Stations of the Cross; gr. 7</li> <li>❖ Fish Dinner Carry out only \$10</li> </ul>
Monday, March 1, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Morning Prayer; Mrs. Kinsey</li> <li>❖ <b>Open Enrollment for Prek-gr. 8</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Leftover Sucker Sale \$1.00</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Paper Box Tops Due to office</b></li> <li>❖ 4:30 JV Boys' Basketball home</li> <li>❖ Diocesan Scholarship Due</li> </ul>
Tuesday, March 2, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>❖ <b>Leftover Sucker Sale \$1.00</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 3, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr. 8</li> <li>❖ <b>Leftover Sucker Sale \$1.00</b></li> <li>❖ 1:00 Senator Theis Reading to grades PreK-5 via Zoom</li> </ul>
Thursday, March 4, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>❖ <b>9:00 Fish Dinner Preorders w/\$ due</b></li> </ul>
Friday, March 5, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7</li> </ul>

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## LUNCH INFORMATION

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

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

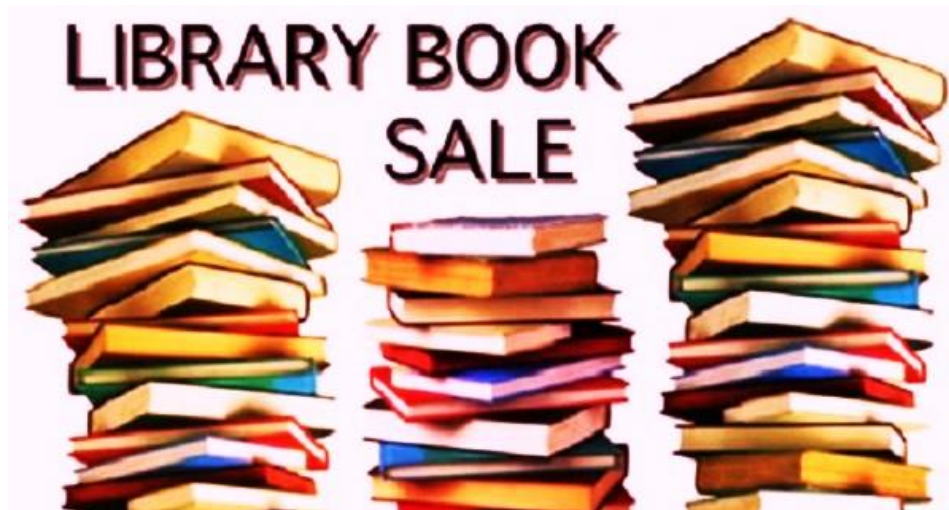
**Grades K-2 Lunch 12:25**

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

## Principal Notes



**\*\*\*\*\*ALL PAPER BOX TOPS NEED TO BE SENT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>. THEY NEED TO BE MAILED IN. \*\*\*\*\***



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The Fifth Grade Used Book Sale begins this Monday, March 1st. This year the sale will take place in the school library. Students are welcome to purchase books during their weekly scheduled library time. The sale will run throughout the month of March. **The cost of each book is just 25 cents or 5 for \$1.00.** All proceeds will be used to purchase new library books. Thank you!

Mrs. Haberl and Mrs. Hamer

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

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



**Fish Dinners:** Thank you to all who have already signed up to help. The February sign up looks great, but we need more hands to help in March! Please consider helping our school earn this much need scholarship money. Bring a friend and have fun while helping out!

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

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**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!**

You still have time to enroll:

- Sign up for a payment plan by visiting:

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



**Preschool Enrollment for 2021-2022** is open to all current Preschool families. It will open to the public Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up at

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

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

**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!!



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## MRS. KACHER'S FIRST GRADE

We have been working very hard and having a lot of fun in 1st Grade. In Religion, we are learning how Jesus, who healed and forgave people, asks us to show His love today. The students came up with many great examples of how they can spread love.



We have been enjoying the stories about different communities in our current reading unit. It has been fun comparing how different communities work together and depend on one another.



In math, we are practicing new strategies to help us memorize our addition and subtraction facts while also learning about place value. Our writing the past month has focused on winter and the many fun activities that we can enjoy in

the snow and cold. We look forward to the rest of the school year and the many new things we have left to learn.

Mrs. Kacher, Teacher

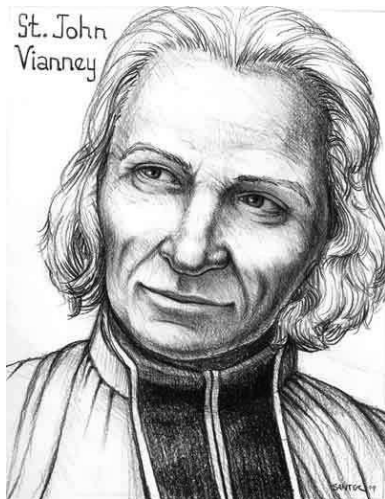
## FYI

### Virtue of the Month:

**Mercy:** meaning: caring for those who suffer.

“Blessed are the merciful, they shall obtain mercy” (Matthew 5:7). Whenever we are hurting—either through our own fault or because something bad has happened to us—we want relief...we want MERCY! Jesus has told us that we must show mercy in two ways: physically (for the body) and spiritually (for the soul). When we feed someone who is hungry, we show mercy; when we forgive someone who has hurt us, we show mercy. Jesus showed us this mercy when He forgave sins (spiritual) and cured the sick (physical). As Jesus did, so we must do. Blessed are the MERCIFUL!

**Saint of the Month** for Preschool to grade 2: Saint John Vianney. Feast day is August 4<sup>th</sup>



Saint John Vianney spent hours and hours hearing peoples' Confessions so they could receive the mercy of Jesus and be happy.

**Saint of the Month** for grades 3-5: Saint Faustina. Feast Day is October 5<sup>th</sup>



Saint Faustina grew up in a big family in Poland and joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy when she was a young woman. She was always mindful of how others suffered and wanted to help them. She offered many sacrifices, sufferings, and prayers for souls who needed God's mercy. Many times she did not know the souls for whom she was suffering. On February 22, 1931, Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision and instructed her to paint Him as He appeared to her and include the motto, "Jesus, I trust in you." He wanted her to proclaim the message of His mercy—Divine Mercy—to the whole world, which she faithfully did until her death.

**Saint of the Month** for Middle School: Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Feast Day is September 5<sup>th</sup>.



"At the end of our lives, we will not be judged by...how many great things we have done. We will be judged by 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in.'" Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born in the country of Albania and left home at the age of 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto as a missionary. By 1929, she was assigned to a girls' school in Calcutta, India, where she spent many happy years teaching. It was in 1946 that she experienced an encounter with Christ that led her to dedicate her life to serving the poorest of the poor in imitation of the mercy of Jesus. With permission, she left her religious community, trading the habit of the Sisters of Loreto for a plain white sari

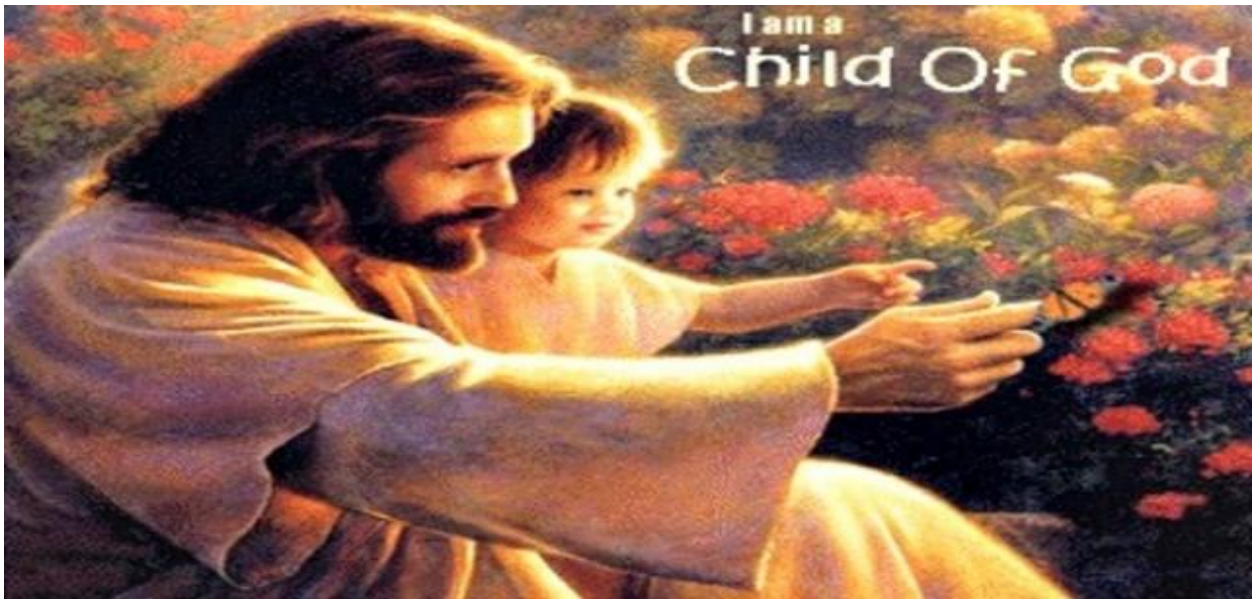
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bordered with blue. Very soon, young Indian women came to join her—including some of her former students—and her new community became known as the Missionaries of Charity. Throughout the remainder of her life, Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity would spread the mercy of Christ throughout the world, attending to the needs of the most abandoned and neglected of our brothers and sisters.



**Project Healthy Schools:** Wash your hands before eating! Germs, which can make you sick, are spread more easily from your hands, than say, your lips. When you have a cold, keep your hands clean!



## 10 Things to Teach Your Child About God

Whatever your hopes and dreams are for your child, the more connected they are to the wisdom of God, the better chance your child has of growing into

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the amazing person you and God want him/her to be. When is the right time to teach your child about God? Now and always.

1. **God's Dream.** God has a dream for you. God created you to become the-best-version-of-yourself! As your father/mother, that's my dream for you too. When you ask me if you can do something or have something, I ask myself if it will help you become a-better-version-of-yourself.

2. **The Wisdom of God.** The more you adopt the wisdom of God the happier you will be. When we reject God's wisdom, in a mysterious way we reject ourselves. Alienation from God is alienation from self. If you are ever unhappy, begin by asking, if there an obstacle between myself and God?

3. **God Answers Our Prayers.** God answers every prayer. Sometimes with a yes, sometimes with a no, sometimes with a maybe, and sometimes with not now. God's answer is always in your best interests. Always. God reasons may not always be apparent, but God always has a reason for what he does.

4. **Decision Making.** When you have a big decision to make, turn to God for advice and wisdom. Constantly seek the answer to this question: God, what do you think I should do?

5. **The Voice of God.** Learn to listen to God's voice. God is always speaking to us in more ways than we can imagine. The question is, are we listening?

6. **Talk to God.** Throughout your day, keep a conversation going with God. Talk to him about what brings you joy and what makes you sad, talk to him about school and work, talk to him about decisions you are making. Just talk to him. When you talk to me, it brings be great joy. When you talk to God it brings him great joy.

7. **God Loves You.** God is your Father. You are a child of God not an orphan of the world. He created you and he loves you no matter what. There are many things in life that change, but not this. Nothing you can do can change God's love for you, or cause him to stop loving you or love you less. When you love someone you want good things for that person, and God wants good things for you even more than you want them for yourself. God values love above everything else. When we are at our best, so do we.

8. **The Spirit of God.** The Spirit of God is tender, caring, courageous, generous, and loving. The spirit of the world is harsh, impersonal, uncaring,

fearful, stingy, and selfish. You get to decide which spirit guides and rules your life. One leads to clarity and happiness and the other leads to confusion and misery.

9. **Goodness.** God cherishes goodness and there is a tremendous capacity for good in you. Nurture the goodness that God has placed within you, share it with the people who cross your path, and never stop looking for ways to do the most good for the most people with your life.

10. **Knowing God.** Learning about God fills our souls with joy, and brings clarity to our hearts and minds. Never stop learning about God. And yet, for everything we know about God, it is still just a drop in the ocean compared to what we don't know about God. God is a mystery to be enjoyed and revered.

Wisdom is the key to all we hope and dream for our children. By teaching them about God we are teaching them how to connect with the source of wisdom. Teaching your child about God is one of the greatest gifts you can ever give him/her. Next time your child asks for something, rather than saying, "Let me think about that" say "Let me pray about that." Something this simple teaches your child that you consult God in your decisions and will encourage him/her to do the same. ~Matthew Kelly

*The Promises of God Storybook Bible: The Story of God's Unstoppable Love*  
Hardcover – October 1, 2019 by Jennifer Lyell (Author)

Reading age: 4 - 8 years; Print length: 320 pages Grade level: Preschool - 3

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

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18      Mark 9:2-10

In the Old Testament reading, Abraham is called to make an extreme sacrifice for God. God's request for Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac is a test. Abraham's response to God's call is "Here I am."

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But God intervenes and prevents Isaac's death. Because of Abraham's obedience, God promises that Isaac will bring numerous descendants to Abraham. This passage shows Abraham's great trust in God, even in a terrifying situation. Because of Abraham's faith, the blessings of the covenant are renewed.



This gospel brings us high upon a mountaintop where Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. Jesus becomes radiant with light. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus. The disciples are both fascinated and frightened as they witness the glorification of Jesus. Peter wants the awesome moment to last forever. From a cloud comes the voice of God, claiming Jesus as Son and commanding the disciples to listen to him. Jesus' disciples are given a vision of light and hope. This passage sheds light on Jesus' divinity and the great event to come—Jesus' victory over death.





- What does the story of Abraham teach about faith?
- When have you wanted a moment to last forever?
- How can you let Jesus' love shine through your actions?

## Sacrifice

Abraham's total trust in God is a model for us. The sacrifice of Abraham, his willingness to sacrifice his son, is perfectly realized in Jesus. Jesus freely offers himself to God in order to save us from our sins and renew our covenant with God. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, the idea of sacrifice is important. The sacrifice of Jesus is the greatest sacrifice.



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The celebration of the Eucharist makes present the once and for all sacrifice of Christ. In the Eucharist we celebrate the memorial of Jesus' death and resurrection. Christ's sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection, become real and present in the celebration of Eucharist. The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. Through the celebration of the Eucharist, we offer our lives to God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.



## **Sacrament Connection**

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## **The Gospel in Life**

How will you make an offering to God 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

- 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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