

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

March 18, 2021

### Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, March 19, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4</li> <li>❖ St. Mary School Scholarship Due</li> <li>❖ <b>Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1</b></li> <li>❖ End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period</li> <li>❖ <b>½ Day of School; Noon dismissal</b></li> <li>❖ Fish Dinner Carry out only \$10</li> </ul>
Monday, March 22, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Morning Prayer; Mrs. Kinsey</li> <li>❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>❖ <b>Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1</b></li> </ul>
Tuesday, March 23, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>❖ <b>Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1</b></li> <li>❖ Spirit Wear Day</li> </ul>
Wednesday, March 24, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 3</li> <li>❖ 1:00 State wide Tornado Drill</li> <li>❖ <b>Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1</b></li> </ul>
Thursday, March 25, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8</li> <li>❖ 8:30 PHS visit to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders</li> <li>❖ <b>9:00 Fish Dinner Preorders w/\$ due</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1</b></li> </ul>
Friday, March 26, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4</li> </ul>

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	❖ 2:45 Stations of the Cross; grs. 6/7 ❖ 3:15 Preschool Tour Carroll family ❖ <b>Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1</b> ❖ Fish Dinner Carry out #6 only \$10
Monday, March 29, 2021	❖ Morning Prayer; Mrs. Kinsey ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ <b>Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1</b>
Tuesday, March 30, 2021	❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ <b>Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1</b>
Wednesday, March 31, 2021	❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7 ❖ 9:45 Living Stations of the Cross ❖ ½ Day of School; Noon dismissal
April 1-11, 2021	❖ Easter Break ❖ Happy Easter!

## **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

**OPINION NEEDED:** We have been very diligent in our efforts to keep everyone safe from the Covid-19 virus. We are now  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way through the school year. We have had only 3 students and 1 teacher who have contacted this virus. Praise God they are all recovered with no side effects. In our hopes to gain back some of the things that we used to do, I would like to get opinions on SLOWLY releasing the 4 students to a table in the lunchroom to 5 or 6. Students would still need to be within the same “class/pod” to sit at a table. We can see how this goes for the next few weeks before making a decision to let classes intermix at tables. **Please let me know if you have objections or concerns by Monday so a decision can be made then.**  
Thanks so much! Veronica

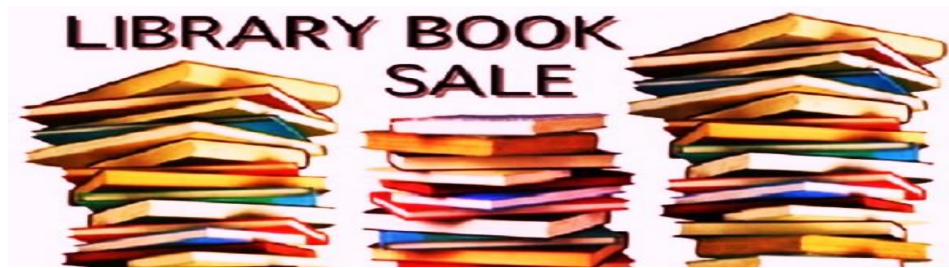
**Fish Fry Update:** Thank you to EVERYONE who has been able to help out these past four Fridays! It has been a lot of team work, learning, adjusting, and adjusting again to get things moving! The students have been doing a great

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job taking dinner orders and getting the dinners out to the cars in a timely manner! The first week of tips was \$380.30, the second week was \$497.00, the third week was \$581.90 and the fourth week was \$532.29!

**We can still use your help with the last two Friday Fish Fries; please sign up!**

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



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!

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

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**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

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consider helping our school earn this much need scholarship money. Bring a friend and have fun while helping out!

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!**

**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.**



# CLASSROOM NEWS

## MS. PROSNIIEWSKI'S FOURTH GRADE

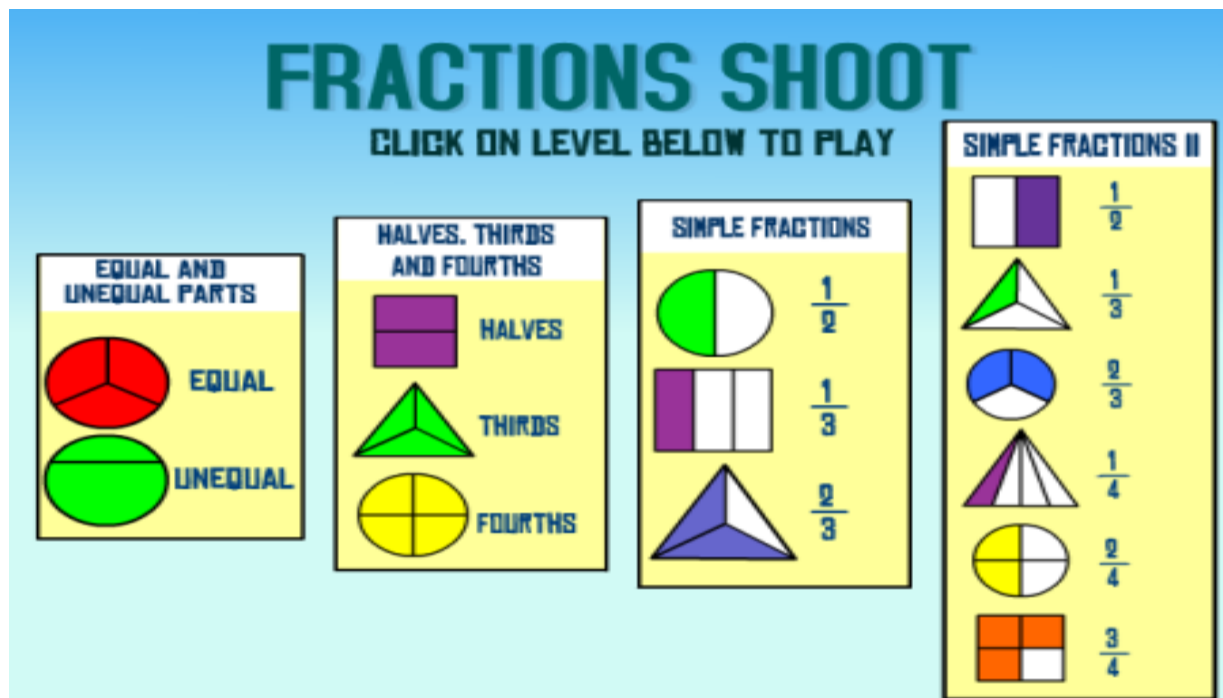
Time flies when you're having fun! And we are having a blast in 4th Grade! It's hard to believe we only have one quarter left of the school year! We have been so busy.

In Religion we continue to learn about the Ten Commandments, and how we can follow them in our daily lives, especially during this season of Lent. We are also learning about how they relate to the different sacraments.



In Math we are continuing to develop and deepen our understanding of fundamental fraction concepts. We are finishing up learning the basics, and will soon be introduced to adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers.



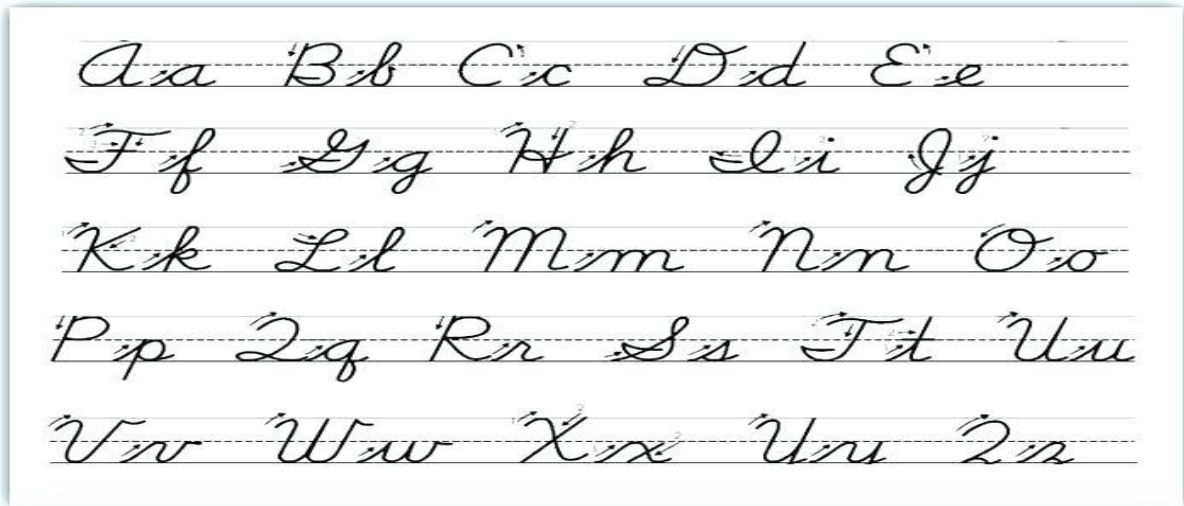


In Science, we just started our energy unit where students are encouraged to think about the energy that things need to move, and explore how energy makes things go, from powering vehicles to moving one's body.



In Social Studies we continue to learn about the different regions of the United States. We will finish up the Western Region, and move on to our final region, the Midwest, after Easter Break.

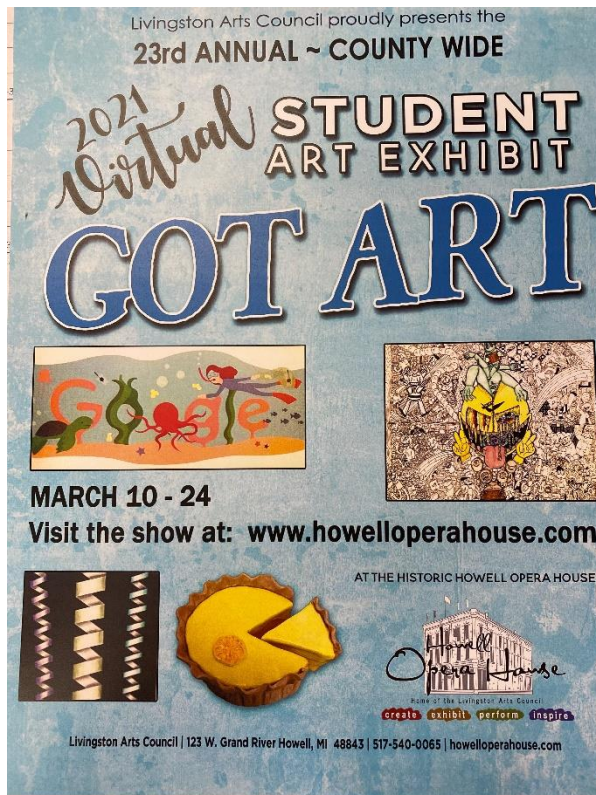
In Language Arts, we continue to work on identifying and using different parts of speech correctly, in our writing, through our study of grammar, vocabulary, and spelling. We are also working very hard at mastering cursive handwriting!



In Reading, are currently in our Puzzles and Mysteries Unit. We have been working on reading a variety of stories in this genre as a whole class, with partners, and individually. We are using these stories to continue our study of different concepts such as author's purpose, comparing and contrasting, cause and effect, and summarizing.



We are looking forward to all the upcoming learning experiences, events, and activities the final quarter of 4th Grade has to offer!



The following students have Art work in the virtual show:

K: Joey E., Vinny P.

1st grade- Hayden R., Addy J.

2nd grade- Lilliana K., Camryn S., Skylar Mc.

3rd grade- Anna A., Maggie B.

4th grade- Austin K., Brooke W.

5th grade- Charlotte H., Rylee B., Addy A.

6th grade- Olivia M.

7th grade- Aiden J., Norah S.

8th grade- Olivia D., Sean F.

Olivia Domen's artwork is on display in the Opera House window.

## 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!

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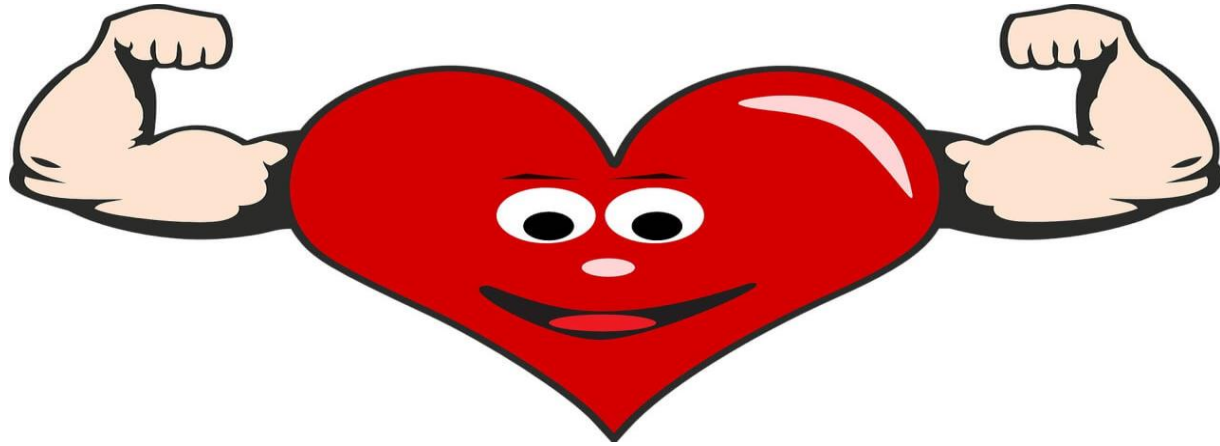
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**Saint of the Month** for Preschool to grade 2: Saint John Vianney. Feast day is August 4<sup>th</sup>

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

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



**Project Healthy Schools:** Making sure your heart is in tip top shape is essential for living a healthy life. Get 30-60 minutes of physical activity most days of the week! This fills you with energy and makes your heart healthier.

Jesus was  
in a small group.  
I'm just sayin'...  
(Life change happens in small groups)

**Small Groups:**

St. Mary is launching Lenten Communities as a way to prepare for Easter and Pentecost by reading and discussing the Sunday Gospel. We have a couple of groups running in the school that have room for more participants. Or you can

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start your own! You will read the readings, pray with the Gospel using lectio divina (we will provide instructions), and then discuss the provided questions for the Gospel. All you need to do is find a partner to help you lead (optional), ask three or four more friends to join you, pick a day/time/location, and submit the information to Sarah Salow at [ssalow@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:ssalow@stmarypinckney.org). The Spirit will guide your prayer and discussion, and we provide the format and questions! The entire time commitment should be about an hour a week with minimal to no preparation.

### **Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition**

Coming Soon to Holy Spirit Parish Brighton - March 13-21: Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles

The Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles is an extensive collection of photographs and historical records presenting a sampling of ancient and modern Eucharistic Miracles which have occurred in various parts of the world. All these miracles have been approved by the Catholic Church as legitimate miracles. But what is a Eucharistic Miracle? A Eucharistic miracle is some extraordinary event or phenomenon which manifests the Real Presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine in a way that we can discern with our ordinary senses. The manifestation may be as simple as a host floating on air, or as astonishing as a host becoming visible human flesh! Please plan to attend with your family and friends. *Saturday, March 13 through Sunday, March 21. Saturdays' 9a-6p, Sundays 10:00a-4p, Weekdays 9a-4p. Holy Spirit Parish, 9565 Musch Rd, Brighton, MI. 810-231-9199.*

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

In the Old Testament reading the prophet Jeremiah speaks the Word of God. He tells the people that God desires to live in friendship with them. Jeremiah saw how the people had hardened their hearts to the covenant of Sinai, which was engraved on tablets of stone. Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant, where God's Law is placed in the hearts of each person. The relationship between God and God's people will come from an inner sense of knowing the Lord. Jeremiah uses the term "knowing" the Lord to show God's desire to share a deep and personal friendship with the people.

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In the gospel Jesus prepares his disciples for some important events that are about to happen. Jesus announces that his hour has come. The “hour” of Jesus, is a time of both suffering and glory as he returns to the Father through his death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. Jesus uses the image of seeds and fruit to show the necessity of death as a means to new life. The image points to the death of Jesus as the seed of new life for those who believe in him. In this passage, Jesus boldly cries out to God in prayer. God responds with a sign from heaven, and all people are promised salvation through Jesus’ death on the cross.



- How do you get to know your friends?
- When do you pray to God?
- Where in nature do you find signs of new life?

## **Christian Prayer**

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Prayer helps us get to know God. When we pray, we communicate with God. Prayer comes from the very center of our being. In prayer we acknowledge God's presence and listen for God's voice. We lift our minds and hearts to God in prayer. We can pray anytime and anyplace. We develop the habit of prayer when we pray often.



There are many forms of prayer. Christian prayer includes prayers of adoration, praise, thanksgiving, sorrow, and petition. No matter what form our prayer takes, the Holy Spirit helps us. When we pray, the Holy Spirit is present, uniting us with Jesus.

# Hands For Prayer



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## **Sacrament Connection**

In the Sacrament of Baptism we share in God's own life and are reborn as adopted children of God. Communion with God is possible in prayer because we have been united with Christ in Baptism.

## **The Gospel in Life**

Make a plan to pray often this week?



**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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