

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 4, 2021

Week –At – A - Glance

Friday, March 5, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 7 ❖ 2:45 Stations of the Cross; gr. 6 ❖ Leftover Sucker Sale \$1.00 ❖ First Friday Food Drive ❖ Popcorn Day \$.50/bag limit 2 ❖ Fish Dinner Carry out only \$10
Monday, March 8, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; Mrs. Kinsey ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ Leftover Sucker Sale \$1.00 ❖ Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1 ❖ Fall Kindergarten Screening
Tuesday, March 9, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Spirit Wear Day ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1 ❖ 4:30 and 5:30 Boys' Basketball @ SSA Plymouth ❖ 7:00 PTC Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, March 10, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr. 3 ❖ Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1
Thursday, March 11, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 9:00 Fish Dinner Preorders w/\$ due ❖ Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1 ❖ Kindergarten Conferences for Fall via Zoom ❖ Vision and Hearing Screening ❖ School Reconciliation grs. 8 & 5 ❖ 7:00 Parish Reconciliation
Friday, March 12, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4 ❖ Used book Sale \$.25 ea. Or 5/\$1 ❖ School Reconciliation grs. 2, 4, 6, 7 ❖ Vision and Hearing Screening ❖ 2:45 Stations of the Cross; gr.5 ❖ Fish Dinner Carry out only \$10

LUNCH INFORMATION

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

Grades 3-5 Lunch 12:05

Grades K-2 Lunch 12:25

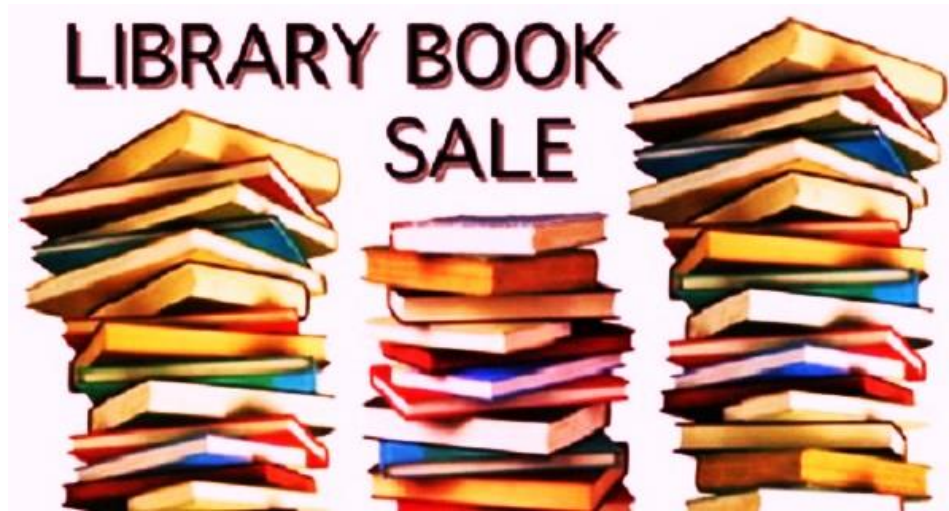
Please provide your students with everything they need to eat their lunch; plate, eating utensil, napkin, drink, condiments

Principal Notes



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The Health Department will be in on Thursday and Friday March 11 and 12. Vision will be for grades 1, 3, 5, and 7. Hearing will be for K, 2, 4, and 6. I believe they will screen children ages 4 for both as well. **PRESCHOOL parents you will need this verification of screening for Kindergarten. Please make a copy to give to the school office to save you an extra trip to the doc or health department.**



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!

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!

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 1st. 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!

<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, 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

MRS. ROBINSON'S SECOND GRADE



The second graders are busy continuing to prepare for their First Holy Eucharist. They will receive Holy Eucharist the weekend of May 1st and 2nd. Please continue to pray for them. Thank you!

Along with preparing for Holy Eucharist, the second graders will start going to the Adoration Chapel to experience the joy of being in Jesus' presence. In other subjects, they are learning about our state and country's governments, reading maps, reading graphs and data, Earth's resources, and adjectives.

Recently, the children have been taking turns reading books to the class. What started off as a casual question, ("Can I read a book to the class?") has evolved into something the children really look forward to! Looking ahead, the class will soon start their "Math Facts Challenge" to help them memorize their math facts.

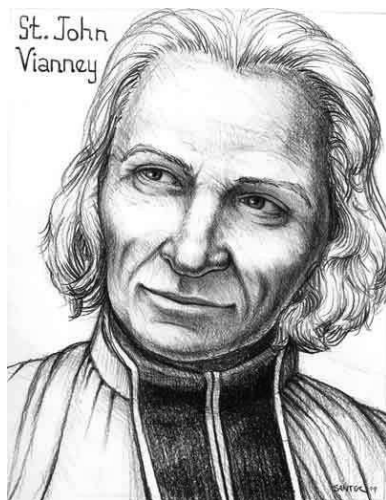
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Virtue of the Month:

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 4th



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 5th



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 5th.



"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

bordered with blue. Very soon, young Indian women came to join her—including some of her former students—and her new community became

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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!

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 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. 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.

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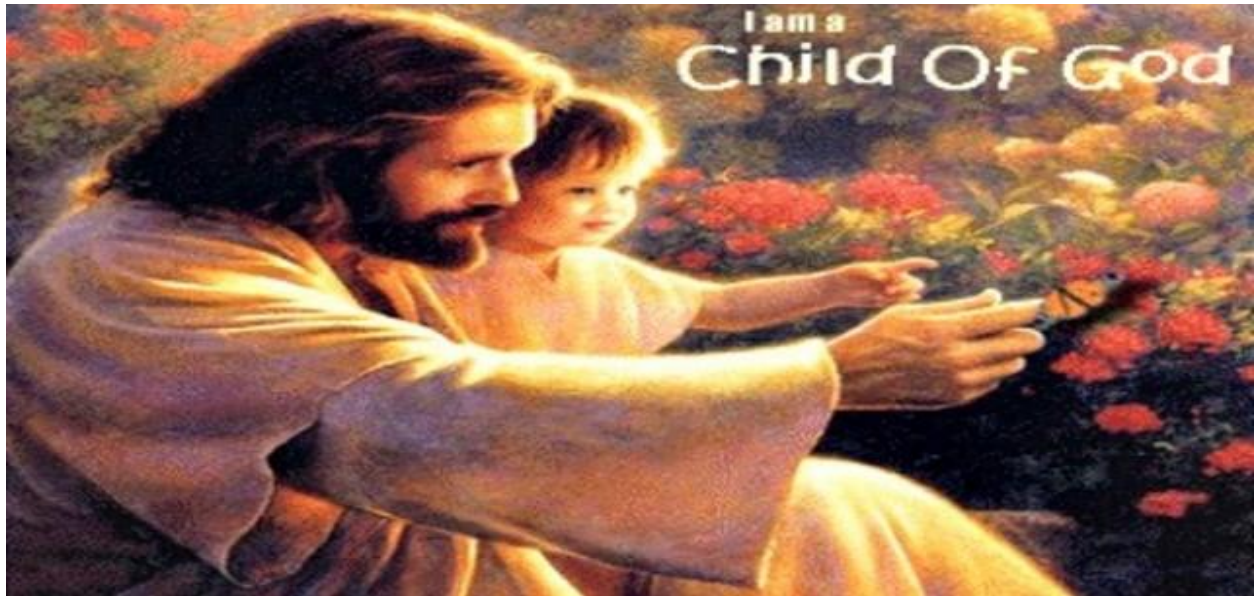
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Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition

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.**



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 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.

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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.

Exodus 20:1-17 John 2:13-25

In the Old Testament reading God gives the Ten Commandments to the chosen people. God's people consider the Ten Commandments to be a gift given to them by God. Following God's law shows the faithful response of the people to their God. In this passage God commands, "You shall not have strange gods before me. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods."



In the gospel Jesus cleanses the Temple of greed and corruption. Jesus drives out the moneychangers and sellers. When Jesus foretells the destruction and rebuilding of the Temple, the people think he is speaking of bricks and mortar. They don't realize that Jesus is speaking of his own death and resurrection. This gospel concludes by pointing out that Jesus knows the hearts of those he meets. Jesus can see through the lies and false attitudes that work against God's law of love. This passage reminds us that we can ask Jesus to cleanse our hearts as we try to live a moral life.



- Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?
- How do you show respect for holy places?
- Who helps you to make good and loving choices?

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The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments are part of the covenant God made with the people of Israel. Out of love God chose a particular people and entered into a close relationship with them. The people were given God's Law to show them how to live. God called Moses up to the mountain where he was given the Ten Commandments. God makes a promise to Moses, that if the people keep the commandments, they will be God's own. The people of Israel are called in freedom by the love of God to live in relationship with God and one another. The idea of law is not constricting for the people of Israel. It is just the opposite when seen through the eyes of God's people who have been freed from slavery. God has given the people life. The Ten Commandments help the people to express their love and respect for God, for one another and for themselves. The first three commandments outline Israel's relationship to God, and the last seven deal with relations with one's neighbor. The command to love is at the heart of God's Law.

Christians understand that the Ten Commandments guide us in living a moral life. However, we believe that the perfection of God's Law is found in the New Law given to us by Jesus Christ. The example of Jesus' life, his mission and teaching and the ongoing teaching handed down by his Church through the Spirit, guide us in living as followers of Jesus.



Sacrament Connection

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are forgiven the sins that we commit after we are baptized. God's Commandments teach us to love and respect God, all people, and ourselves. We sin when we freely choose to do what we know is against God's Law.

The Gospel in Life

This week talk with your family about how the Ten Commandments are lived in your home.

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**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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Irish Youth Football Camp



Details:

- When: July 19th, 20th, and 21st from 11am-1pm @ the FGR football field
- Includes: Offense, Defense, and Special Teams. Coaching from FGR coaching staff/varsity players plus a free t-shirt
- What to Bring: cleats, water bottle, and a great attitude!
- Cost: \$45

Register Today!

@<https://fgrirish.com/football-summer-camp-registration/>