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**

### **April 15, 2021**

### Week -At - A - Glance

Monday, April 19, 2021	❖ Morning Prayer; Mrs. Kinsey with
	2nd grade helpers
	❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8
Tuesday, April 20, 2021	❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8
	<ul><li>7:00 PTC Zoom Meeting</li></ul>
Wednesday, April 21, 2021	❖ 8:30 Primary Mass; gr.5
	<ul><li>7:00 Finance Meeting</li></ul>
Thursday, April 22, 2021	❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8
	<ul><li>Dress Down Day \$1</li></ul>
Friday, April 23, 2021	* 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 6
	<ul><li>Spring Pictures; \$ or prepaid</li></ul>
	only
	❖ 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade GRADUATION picture
	❖ 3:15 Tour; Mallie Family

### **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



### Original Works- Art Fundraiser

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT- Original Works order forms went home on Friday, March 26th. This fundraiser is to raise money for the art program. Online orders are due FRIDAY, APRIL 16th. Thank you!

www.originalworks.com

# **SCHOLASTIC**

St. Mary Catholic School is hosting a Spring Book Fair online! This is a great opportunity to buy books for children and young adults to read over the summer. Profits made by the book fair will benefit the St. Mary Catholic School Library! The fair runs from April 19th to May 2nd. Join the book fair online at https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stmaryschool2021

Thank you for supporting our Library!



### SPRING PICTURES TIME IS HERE

SPRING PICTURES WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 23. ONLY THOSE WHO ORDER ONLINE OR HAVE AN ORDER FORM WILL GET THEIR PICTURES TAKEN. THEY ONLY SENT ABOUT 25 ORDER FORMS. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO ONLINE TO ORDER AT WWW.SCHOOLPICTUES.COM AND USE THE CODE 3926. A COMPLETED LIST OF BACKGROUNDS AND ALL OPTIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE THERE.





8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ON FRIDAY, APRIL 23. STUDENTS SHOULD COME DRESSED FOR THIS PICTURE. THEY CAN CHANGE AFTERWARDS IF NEEDED. At this time, St. Mary School will provide one composite to 8<sup>th</sup> grade families free of charge.



MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> WARM WEATHER DRESS CODE BEGINS.
STUDENTS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO WEAR
UNIFORM TOPS AND BOTTOMS DURING SCHOOL. We have been relaxed with hoodies/flannel shirts etc. this school year

because they did not have hooks or cubbies to put things in. We will totally follow the dress code for the months of May and June.



It seems that we continue to be bombarded by challenging news and it seems that the entire world is against us (Catholics.) This article was a great reminder about a Great Saint and how he responded.

https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/in-a-world-gone-mad-what-would-st-john-paul-do



### **COMING SOON SPECIAL HOT LUNCH FOR STUDENTS:**

hot dog, mac n cheese, au gratin potato lunch. Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>!!



### FREE resource for teachers and parents

Google **SPLASHLEARN** for grades Kindergarten to 5 for fun math activities that correlate with topics that you are teaching. This is a FREE resource for teachers and parents!

Spanning Preschool to Grade 5, **SplashLearn** covers over 400 curriculumaligned **math skills** set in engaging games. **SplashLearn** also offers a personalized **reading experience** for ages 3-8 (Pre-K to Grade 2). It covers everything from phonics to comprehension to enable children to read their first book within weeks.

# **CLASSROOM NEWS**

# A MESSAGE FROM MR. HAYES TO EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS & STUDENTS

Dear 8th Grade parents,

Two weeks ago I sent home a notice for students to start to bring in photos for the 8th grade graduation presentation. We have discussed this in great length too. When we return from break the students need to have photos of their choice that span their kindergarten through 8th grade school years. The first

week back, they will need to have at least 5 photographs to work on with a goal of 9 or 10 photos altogether. We will be color correcting, cropping, and editing the photos during class time. They can easily upload photos to their student Google Drive if the photos are in digital format. If the student needs to scan a print, they can bring them into school and use our scanner or if they have access to a phone there is a terrific app called PhotoScan (by Google) that allows to easily scan a photograph.

Thank you for your help.

Scott Hayes, Technology Educator, <a href="mailto:mrhayes@stmarypinckney.org">mrhayes@stmarypinckney.org</a>

### MRS. HAMER'S ART CLASSES

The Original Works fundraiser online orders are **Due: Friday, April 16th**. The money raised from this fundraiser will be used for special art project materials. Thank you for participating.

In Kindergarten the students are working on a bug paper collage. The First graders are working on a pigeon collage inspired by artist Mo Willems. The Second and Third graders are working on a Holy Eucharist project. (The Third graders were not able to make this project last year in second grade.) The Fourth grade will be working on a tinfoil sculpture. The Fifth graders are working on a tinfoil action sculpture. The Sixth graders are finishing a tin embossing project. The Seventh graders are finishing an oil pastel Banyan tree scene. The 8th graders are finishing a yarn painting project. Wow lots of cool things happening in the Art room!

Thank you

Mrs. Hamer, Art and Media Instructor <a href="mailto:mrshamer@stmarypinckney.org">mrshamer@stmarypinckney.org</a>

## MR. HAYES' TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Happy Spring! With the end of school year approaching, in technology class, we are working on a variety of projects that combine different aspects learned throughout the year.



In kindergarten, first, and second grades we will continue to use our typing skills to create a Microsoft Word document and a PowerPoint slideshow. The 3rd and 4th grade students will be working on a poem project that combines drawing on the computer and recording their voice to make a movie. The 5th grade students are working on a story-making website that allows them to create a book with illustrations to enhance their story. The 6th and 7th grade had a "research test" which they will learn today whether their skills of finding information goes beyond just skimming the surface. They will start a multimedia presentation next week.

The 8th grade students will be using photo editing software to correct color/lighting issues, fix red-eye, and crop photos that will be used for the 8th grade graduation presentation. Please help your 8th grader select photos and have them available in class. It will be sad to have students missing from the presentation. Looking forward to a strong and healthy finish with the students!

### MR. HARTMAN'S MUSIC CLASSES

This has certainly been an interesting year regarding music classes at St. Mary. Although students have not been able to participate in a "hands on" fashion due to Covid, I believe they have learned much musically, and have hopefully enjoyed it. I am hopeful that next year will be more "normal," which will allow students more opportunities to sing and play various classroom instruments. I believe music learning is an integral part of a complete education. Nearly everyone enjoys music, whether by listening to it, singing, or playing an instrument. Read on to learn why music education is so important, and how it offers benefits even beyond itself.

- 1. Musical training helps develop language and reasoning: Students who have early musical training will develop the areas of the brain related to language and reasoning. The left side of the brain is better developed with music, and songs can help imprint information on young minds.
- 2. A mastery of memorization: Even when performing with sheet music, student musicians are constantly using their memory to perform. The skill of memorization can serve students well in education and beyond.
- 3. Students learn to improve their work: Learning music promotes craftsmanship, and students learn to want to create good work instead of mediocre work. This desire can be applied to all subjects of study.
- 4. Increased coordination: Students who practice with musical instruments can improve their hand-eye coordination. Just like playing sports, children can develop motor skills when playing music.
- 5. A sense of achievement: Learning to play pieces of music on a new instrument can be a challenging, but achievable goal. Students who master even the smallest goal in music will be able to feel proud of their achievement.
- 6. Kids stay engaged in school: An enjoyable subject like music can keep kids interested and engaged in school. Student musicians are likely to stay in school to achieve in other subjects.
- 7. Success in society: Music is the fabric of our society, and music can shape abilities and character. Students in band or orchestra are less likely to abuse substances over their lifetime. Musical education can greatly contribute to children's intellectual development as well.

- 8. Emotional development: Students of music can be more emotionally developed, with empathy towards other cultures They also tend to have higher self-esteem and are better at coping with anxiety.
- 9. Students learn pattern recognition: Children can develop their math and pattern-recognition skills with the help of musical education. Playing music offers repetition in a fun format.
- 10. Better SAT scores: Students who have experience with music performance or appreciation score higher on the SAT. One report indicates 63 points higher on verbal and 44 points higher on math for students in music appreciation courses.
- 11. Fine-tuned auditory skills: Musicians can better detect meaningful, information-bearing elements in sounds, like the emotional meaning in a baby's cry. Students who practice music can have better auditory attention, and pick out predictable patterns from surrounding noise.
- 12. Music builds imagination and intellectual curiosity: Introducing music in the early childhood years can help foster a positive attitude toward learning and curiosity. Artistic education develops the whole brain and develops a child's imagination.
- 13. Music can be relaxing: Students can fight stress by learning to play music. Soothing music is especially helpful in helping kids relax.
- 14. Musical instruments can teach discipline: Kids who learn to play an instrument can learn a valuable lesson in discipline. They will have to set time aside to practice and rise to the challenge of learning with discipline to master playing their instrument.
- 15. Preparation for the creative economy: Investing in creative education can prepare students for the 21st century workforce. The new economy has created more artistic careers, and these jobs may grow faster than others in the future.
- 16. Development in creative thinking: Kids who study the arts can learn to think creatively. This kind of education can help them solve problems by thinking outside the box and realizing that there may be more than one right answer.
- 17. Music can develop spatial intelligence: Students who study music can improve the development of spatial intelligence, which allows them to perceive the world accurately and form mental pictures. Spatial intelligence is helpful for advanced mathematics and more.

- 18. Kids can learn teamwork: Many musical education programs require teamwork as part of a band or orchestra. In these groups, students will learn how to work together and build camaraderie.
- 19. Responsible risk-taking: Performing a musical piece can bring fear and anxiety. Doing so teaches kids how to take risks and deal with fear, which will help them become successful and reach their potential.
- 20. Better self-confidence: With encouragement from teachers and parents, students playing a musical instrument can build pride and confidence. Musical education is also likely to develop better communication for students.

Thanks for all you do to support our music program at St. Mary.

Mr. Hartman, Music Director mrhartman@stmarypinckney.org









#### Virtue of the Month:

**Justice:** meaning: being fair and giving each his due

"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 Anthony of Padua Feast day June 13.



Saint Anthony joined the brother who followed the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Franciscans. He became very famous for his preaching. After his death, St. Anthony became well-known for his justice, because when a book of his was lost, he prayed that he would find it. The truth was, it had been stolen—and when St. Anthony prayed, the thief brought it back!

**Saint of the Month** for grades 3-5: Saint Katharine Drexel. Feast day is March 3



Even though Saint Katharine was born into a very wealthy family, she was always taught to love and help the poor. When she grew up, when inherited a large portion of her family's fortune. Moved by her deep faith in God and the injustice suffered by many people in this country, she started the Sisters of Blessed Sacrament to help teach the Native Americans and Aftican Americans, who were denied a good education because of their race. She helped start many schools for Native Americans and African Americans in 13 different states including Xavier University in New Orleans.

**Saint of the Month** for Middle School: Saint Thomas More; feast day is June 22.



Scholar. Lawyer. Writer. Lord Chancellor of England. Husband. Father. Martyr. As one who laid down his life rather than support an unjust law that would have him deny his faith, St. Thomas More exemplified the words of Psalm 19, "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart...the statutes of the Lord are true, all of them just." The son of a well-known lawyer, Thomas More was given an excellent education as a young man and served as an assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury while he was still a teen. Married, widowed, and remarried, he was the father of three daughter and a son. At a time when education was generally denied to women, Thomas broke with custom and ensured that all of his children were well versed in the classics and fluent in Greek and Latin. As a public servant with a great reputation for

honesty and fairness and considered one of the most brilliant men of his day, St. Thomas rose through the ranks to eventually become one of King Henry VIII's most trusted advisors. However, when Henry VIII declared himself the head of the Catholic Church in England (instead of the Pope) he demanded that all the subjects of the realm swear an oath of submission to this law or face execution. St. Thomas More, an ardent defender of the Catholic Church, refused to take this Oath of Supremacy and so forfeited his life. Having served his king and his country in position of great responsibility and authority—including as Lord Chancellor (the equivalent of Prime Minister)—St. Thomas nevertheless did not hesitate to choose the higher law of God over the laws of men. According to eyewitness accounts at the time, St. Thomas' final words as he was about to be beheaded paid tribute to his defense of this higher law: "I die the King's good servant—but God's first."



**Project Healthy Schools**: Broccoli, strawberries, pineapples, and bell peppers are all great sources of vitamin C. Try grabbing one of these vitamin C packed foods next time you want a snack.

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

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Luke 24:35-48

In this reading from Acts of the Apostles, Peter preaches about the resurrection of Jesus. He relates the events of Jesus' death and resurrection to the scriptures. Peter points out that those who put Jesus to death are now in need of forgiveness. Peter's speech urges the people to turn to God, so that their sins

may be wiped out. Peter is a witness for all followers of Jesus to tell others the good news about Jesus Christ.

In this gospel, two disciples meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They return to Jerusalem to share with the others what happened. Suddenly, the Risen Jesus appears to the disciples once again. Jesus greets his friends with "Peace," and then he invites them to eat with him. As they eat together Jesus explains the scriptures. Jesus ends his visit by commanding the disciples to go out and be "witnesses of all these things." This passage points out that every follower of Jesus is called to evangelize. An evangelizer is willing to share the Good News of Jesus and spread his message throughout the world.

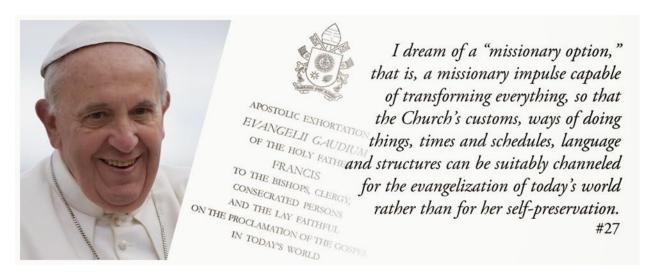


- When do you turn to God?
- Why is it important to tell others the Good News about Jesus?
- How can you spread the Good News through your words and actions?

### **Evangelization**

To evangelize means to announce the good news. Evangelization is an effort to help others come to know Jesus Christ, and his body, the Church. The evangelizer must witness for others how to live as a follower of Christ in the world. Evangelization helps people to change and become more like Christ.

Evangelization spreads the good news that Jesus Christ has opened for all people a new way of life. This new way of life leads to happiness with God forever. This is great news! Through Jesus we are offered forgiveness, love and eternal life. All believers are called to share the good news about Jesus Christ with others.



#### **Sacrament Connection**

The sacrament of Confirmation completes the sacrament of Baptism and deepens our new life in Christ. Confirmation strengthens us to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by word and deed. Confirmed believers are called to be fearless witnesses to Christ in the world.

### The Gospel in Life

How can you share the Good News about Jesus at home or with friends this week?



This is the poster sign on Baker Road that is advertising our school. Please let your family and friends know about our school. You are the best advertisement for our school. If you recommend someone to our school and they stay for one year, you will receive \$500 off your tuition! Thank you to our sponsor, Deacon Dan Hall, Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep!

# Pray, Hope & Don't Worry

ST. PADRE PIO IS COMING TO ST. MARY PINCKNEY MAY 4-9

# JOIN US TUESDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FOR MUSIC, PRAYER & PRESENTATION

10601 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD • 6-9PM

ALL ARE INVITED TO PRAY AND LEARN ABOUT PADRE PIO AT 6PM AND CELEBRATE MASS AT 7PM

FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION IN THE SPIRIT OF PADRE PIO (MAIN CHURCH)

# PRAISE & WORSHIP DURING EXPOSITION AND MASSES:

WED. 5/5 - 11AM MASS, ADORATION 11:30AM-9PM THURS. 5/6 - 8:30AM MASS, ADORATION 9AM- 9PM

THIS LIFE-SIZED BRONZE STATUE OF PADRE PIO WILL VISIT MAY 4-9 AS PART OF A ONE-TIME TOUR BEFORE HE IS INSTALLED IN THE NEW CASA USA CAMPUS IN HOWELL, MI WHERE HE WILL REMAIN PERMANENTLY TO GREET DEVOTED PILGRIMS AND HIS SPIRITUAL CHILDREN.



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