

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 1, 2021

Week –At – A - Glance

April 1-11, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Easter Break ❖ Happy Easter! He is Risen, indeed He is Risen!
Monday, April 12, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Morning Prayer; Mrs. Kinsey with 3rd grade helpers ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8
Tuesday, April 13, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Spirit Wear Day ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ Zoom Vocation Mass; gr. 7 ❖ 4:30 JV and 5:30 Varsity Girls' Basketball away
Wednesday, April 14, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 Middle School Mass; gr.7
Thursday, April 15, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:30 Band grs. 6-8 ❖ 4:30 Varsity Girls' Basketball home
Friday, April 16, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 8:30 All School Mass; gr. 4

LUNCH INFORMATION

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

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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

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 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, the fourth week was \$532.29, the fifth week was \$642.91, and the sixth week was \$694.00! The grand total was \$3328.40!!! Incredible! God is Good All the Time!



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!



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 curriculum-aligned **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,

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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.

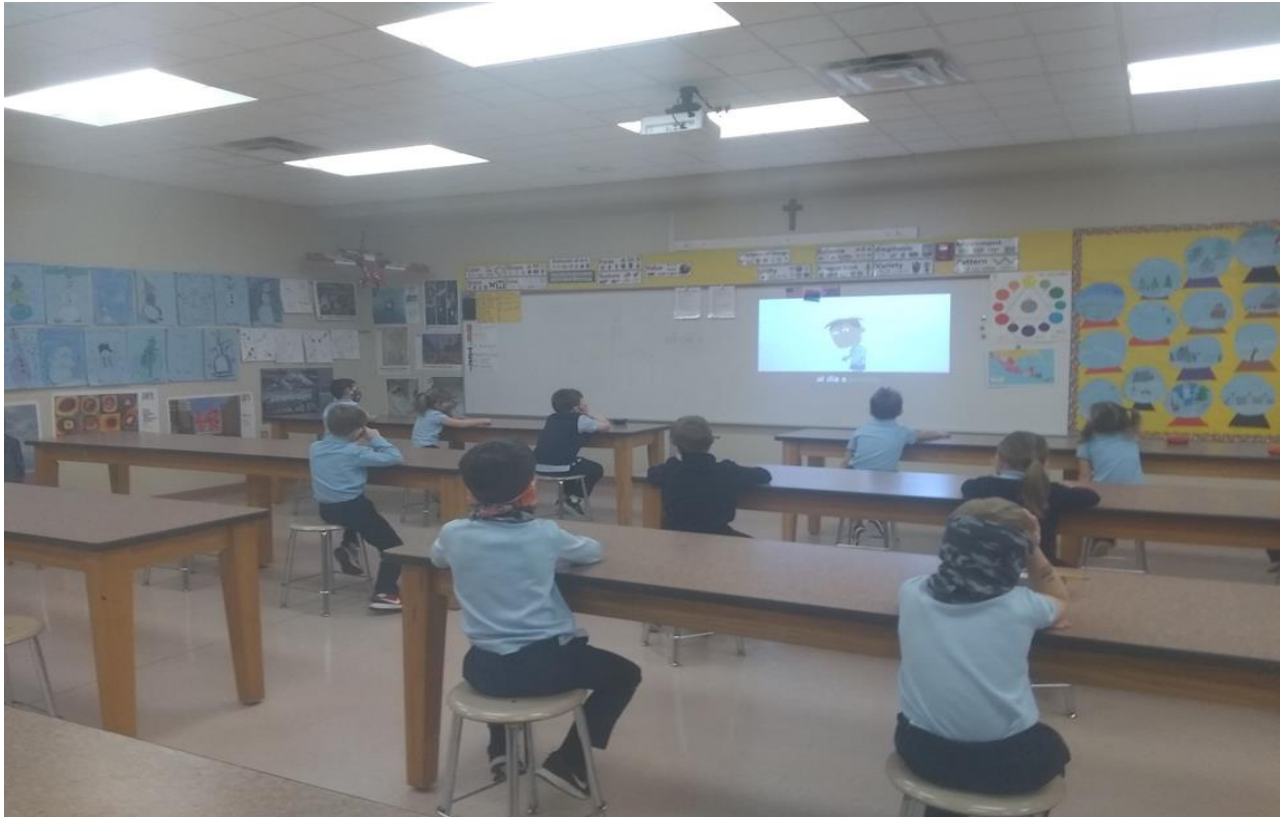
Thank you for your help.

Scott Hayes, Technology Educator, mrhayes@stmarypinckney.org

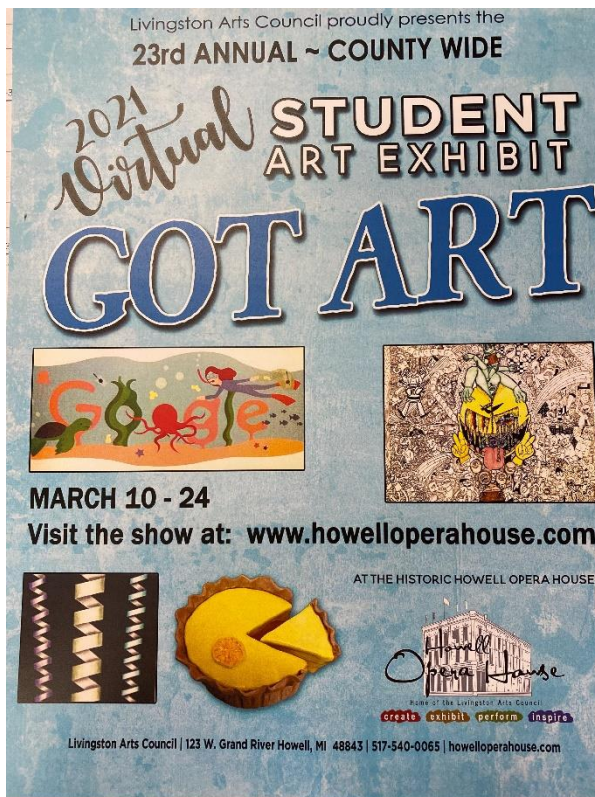
MRS. RIVETT'S SPANISH CLASSES

This quarter, K-2 Spanish classes watched videos and made crafts, including the ever-popular froggy, to learn Spanish words for weather, seasons and winter clothing. Students in grades 3-5 learned weather, seasons, and calendar words and designed class calendars labeled in Spanish, including holidays. Each class also created their own days of the week choreography to help learn the vocabulary. Grades 6-8 participated in a unit about Mexican foods and culture. We learned about authentic Mexican foods and what makes them important in Mexican and Mexican-American cultures. Each student researched and wrote about an authentic Mexican food that could appear on a restaurant menu. To conclude the unit, middle school students presented their menu item to the class. Each student was given 125 Mexican pesos with which to order a meal from the foods presented. Students asked and answered questions about the food to decide which foods they wanted to order. I wish we had been able to eat the foods!

I am looking forward to putting everything we have learned this year into practice in the fourth quarter!



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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:

Justice: meaning: being fair and giving each his due

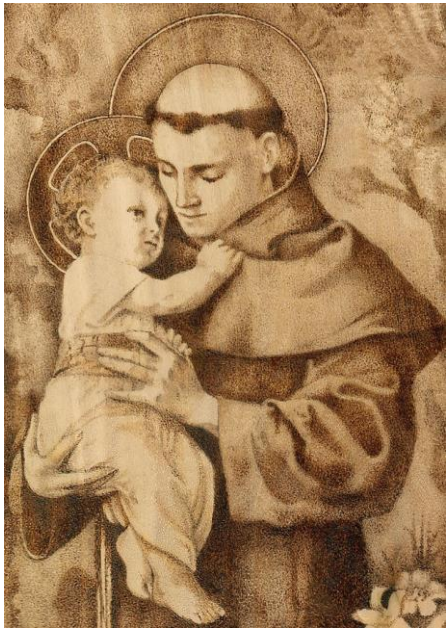
"Blessed are the merciful, they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). Whenever we are hurting—either through our own fault or because something bad has happened to us—we want relief...we want MERCY! Jesus has told us that we must show mercy in two ways: physically (for the body) and spiritually (for the 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!

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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 African 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.

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

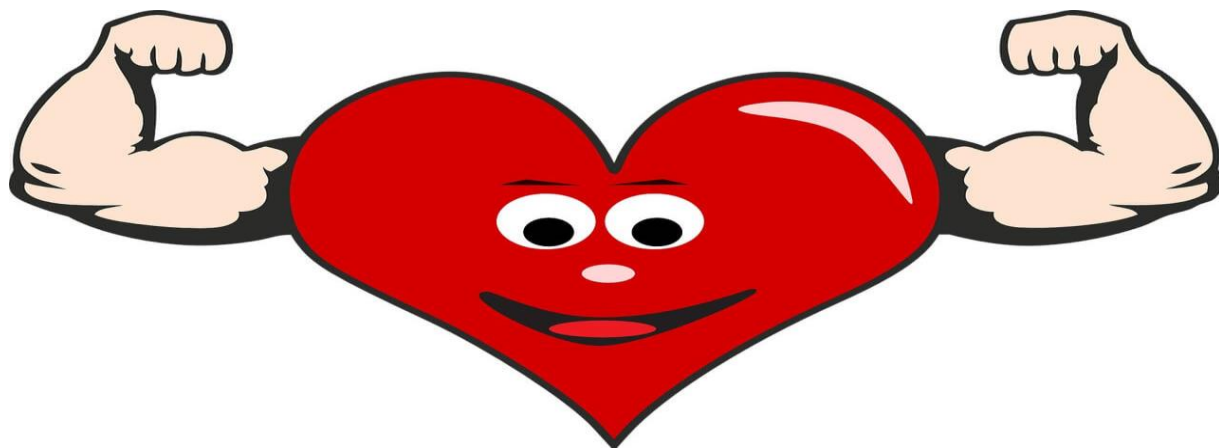


Scholar. Lawyer. Writer. Lord Chancellor of England. Husband. Father. Martyr. As one who laid down his life rather than support an unjust law that would have him deny his faith, St. Thomas More exemplified the words of Psalm 19, “The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart...the statutes 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.”

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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 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.

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

Acts 10:34, 37-43 John 20:1-9

The reading from Acts of the Apostles proclaims Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and its meaning for the world. Peter preaches the Good News about Jesus with urgency and excitement. Peter tells the story of Jesus' baptism and his preaching and healing of those afflicted by the devil. He tells of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, and the forgiveness of sins, which results from these events. Peter speaks as one of the chosen witnesses who ate and drank with Jesus after his resurrection. This reading announces the whole message of the Good News of Jesus, centering on his resurrection.



In this joyous Gospel passage, the story of the resurrection of Jesus unfolds. Mary Magdalene makes an early morning visit to Jesus' tomb only to find that the stone has been removed. Quickly, she tells the story to Peter and the beloved disciple and they go to the tomb. The beloved disciple reaches the tomb first, yet allows Peter to enter before him. Both enter the tomb, but the beloved disciple alone is described as believing. The writer of this Gospel makes the point that because of the beloved disciple's love for Jesus, he comes more quickly to believe that Jesus is risen. The early morning discovery of Jesus'

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empty tomb represents the dawning awareness that Jesus has been raised from the dead.



- What helps the disciples believe that Jesus has been raised from the dead?
- Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important?
- What helps you believe in Jesus?

“On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the scriptures...”

The love that God has for us does not end with the death of Jesus on the cross. God raised Jesus to new life. The chains of death are broken. The Risen Lord is not a ghost who appears to the disciples. Jesus did not simply come back to life; the resurrection of Jesus is a passing over from death into a new and glorious life.

In Baptism we are joined to Christ. In the waters of Baptism we die to sin and rise to new life. During this Easter season, we celebrate the gift of new life and we remember that we share in the new life of Jesus through Baptism.

The Gospel in Life

What can you do this week to show others how important Easter is to you?

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