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SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, March 13, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All School Mass - Gr. 4</li><li>• Stations of the Cross - 2:45 PM</li><li>• JV Girls Basketball - AWAY @ Livingston Christian 4:30 PM</li></ul>
Monday, March 16, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Prayer - Gr. 6</li><li>• <b>NO KINDERGARTEN CLASS</b></li><li>• Kindergarten Screening for 2009-2010</li><li>• Varsity Girls Basketball -HOME St. Francis Gr. 7 - 5:00 PM Gr. 8 - 6:00 PM</li></ul>
Tuesday, March 17, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Y5 Field Trip - Planetarium Trip - Lansing 12:30 PM</li><li>• Varsity Girls Basketball -AWAY @ St. Pats Gr. 7 - 5:00 PM Gr. 8 - 6:00 PM</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 18, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Middle School Mass - Gr. 6</li><li>• Used Book Sale - sponsored by 3rd Grade</li></ul>
Thursday, March 19, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindergarten Screening Parent Conferences</li><li>• Middle School Field Trip - Mercy High School</li><li>• Used Book Sale - sponsored by 3rd Grade</li><li>• JV Girls Basketball - HOME</li></ul>

[March Calendar.pdf](#)

[March Menu.pdf](#)

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the last two years at St. Mary Catholic School, I have had the privilege and the pleasure to work with your wonderful students, Fr. Bill, an outstanding pastor and spiritual leader, a dedicated, caring, and supportive teaching staff, and with you, a parent community that understands the importance and value of Catholic education.

Prior to my arrival here, I had experience as an interim principal in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Detroit, and although I had interviewed for principal positions within the Archdiocese, I didn't find a position that was the right fit for me or for my family. One day, while sitting in the pew before Mass at St. Francis in Ann Arbor, I noticed an advertisement for the principal position at St. Mary Catholic School in Pinckney. The rest of that story has been about my fortunate association with this community and the countless number of positive experiences I will cherish from our time together.

Education has been the field into which I have devoted the bulk of my professional time and efforts, but my family's best interests have always directed decisions I have made about where I would work. With those interests in mind, I need to inform you that I have accepted the principal position at St. Fabian School in Farmington Hills beginning in the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Of course, I am dedicated to our school through the end of this school year, and I am looking forward to spending these remaining months working to strengthen what is already an exceptional program of Catholic education. I want to thank all of you for the support and good will I have received during my time here at St. Mary, and I want you to know that I am grateful for your gift of a positive spirit that I will carry with me always.

Best regards,

John Gilboe

- **Stations of the Cross** Please join us tomorrow for our Friday observance of the Stations at 2:45 p.m. The students and staff would love to have you join us!
- **It's enrollment time!** We want to remind everyone that every family who refers another family to enroll at St. Mary's for next year will receive a \$500 bonus if that family stays for the entire year! The enrolling family must indicate who it was that encouraged them in this decision. What are you waiting for? Let's share the good news about St. Mary Catholic School!

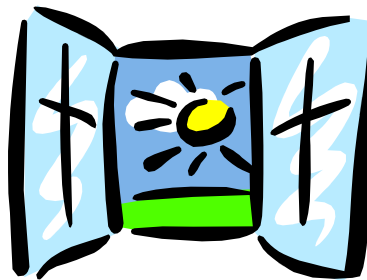
[PTC General Meeting Minutes Jan 09.pdf](#)

Thank you for your continuing support!

Best regards,

John Gilboe

## THE WINDOW



## SECOND GRADE NEWS

The second graders have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. They are learning about the different parts of the Introductory Rites of the Mass and next they will learn about the two main parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. For a Lenten activity the children are sharing their time and talent with someone they feel that could use their help. As a follow-up to this, Mrs. Salvatori came in and spoke to the children about St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and helped the children make sacrifice beads to keep track of their good deeds for Lent.

In Reading, the children have been working on the following skills: how to identify and evaluate a character's attempts to solve problems, how to make inferences about a

character based upon the information given in the story, and how to identify the main idea and the supporting details.

In Writing, the children learned about the Japanese haiku poem and they wrote their own haiku. In addition to this, they wrote an alphabet book about Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

In Social Studies, the children learned about the diversity of people in the United States and about the various cultures within their own community. They also learned how explorers, pioneers, and immigrants helped make the United States what it is today.

## **For Your Information**

### **March Is Reading Month:**

The library is sponsoring a contest for "March is Reading Month". The students can write a **book review** (forms available in the library & yes, parents can help the younger students) for each book they read from St. Mary library and earn a chance for prizes (posters, books, etc.). These book reviews will then be saved for students to reference for finding books they might enjoy reading as suggested by their peers. Please encourage your student to participate. The more book reviews a student fills out, the more chances they have to win prizes. Thanks, Heather Burton

### **Third Grade Used Book Sale:**

This year the third grade will once again be heading up the Children's Used Book Sale. The sale will be held in the School Gathering Space on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>. We need everyone's help and support by donating used books to our sale. Books should be appropriate for all ages pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This year we would also like to include a board game and puzzle table. All games and puzzles should be in good condition and have all the pieces included. If you would like to donate to our sale please drop off your used books and games in the front office or to the Third Grade classroom. During the sale books will be sold for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.00. All games and puzzles will also be sold for \$1.00. All proceeds will be used to purchase new books for our school library. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

### **"Hooray for Hollywood Updates!"**

**Survivor Sleepover St. Mary** - Oh what a night! Your child and 20 of your child's friends will be treated to a night of survivor games, challenges and even tribal council.

We'll split the group with survivor buffs and souvenir t-shirts. We'll have Riverside Pizza for dinner, dirt for dessert (cake that is!), open gym with a bouncy, Wii tournaments, movie time, games, music and more. To top it off Deacon Randy and Mrs. Coffelt will wake your children with a pancakes and sausage breakfast. Your kid wants this! \*\*The winning family must provide one parent to stay throughout the event. All volunteers will be Virtus trained. Wait for this in the LIVE.

**Auction Fundraiser** – remember to sign-up for the Pampered Chef demonstration and cooking class on Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup> - this is a great opportunity to acquire basket items at no extra cost to the auction. Last year 10 orders were placed and with the credit from those we created 6 baskets. Those 6 baskets earned us \$460 – all profit. Imagine how well we could do with 20 orders....\$1,000? Invite your moms, sisters, neighbors and friends. If you cannot make it to the party you can order online at <http://www.pamperedchef.biz/reneechodkowski?page=host-search-results&showId=2002191> just be sure that the Host is ST. MARY SCHOOL. Remember Pampered Chef makes great Mother's Day gifts.

Thanks to the Aten, Albert, Oakes, Fackler, Garbarz, Clark, and Plait families for their item donations; Mr. Gilboe, Rebecca Keiser and the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade for their item donations; and to all the teacher aides for their combined monetary donation. Special thanks this week to Mrs. Kinsey for being our teacher liaison and Julie Flaherty for being our parish liaison.

**ITEMS NEEDED** – Vodka, Rum, Tequila, Jack & Jim would work too; BBQ grill, rounds of golf, tools, landscaping accessories, kid's bike, gas cards and a Nintendo DS and games. Please prayerfully consider donating to the auction.

**FAMILY ADS** – Be sure to get your thoughts in print.....do you have a milestone this year? 1<sup>st</sup> communion, Graduation, want to thank a great coach or an 8<sup>th</sup> grade buddy that was just the best. Maybe you want to tell your teachers what an impact that had on your child. Whatever the occasion the auction team is selling ads to be put throughout the catalog. ¼ page for \$5, ½ page for \$10 and full page for \$15. You can email Margaret Vroman at [mvroman@charter.net](mailto:mvroman@charter.net) if you are interested.

[Auction Family Ads.pdf](#)

**HELP NEEDED:**

Clean-up crew the night of the auction or Sunday morning.

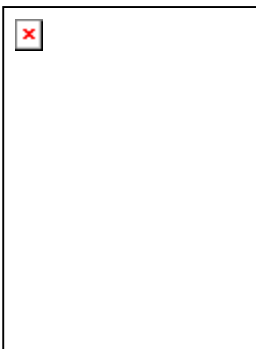
Pick up of a décor rental item in Plymouth the Friday before the auction and returning it the Monday after.

### Thank you from the Advancement Team:

We wish to send a BIG Thank You for submitting your wonderful photos from previous Auctions! We are proud to have such committed, talented parents and staff that put together such impressive events! I believe we have enough photos for our HUBTV ad, however, if you have auction photos you wish to send (either set-up or people at the auction), please still forward them to [theschultz6@charter.net](mailto:theschultz6@charter.net) through Friday, 3/20/09.

### Shark Club Update:

The preliminary results from our second set of dates from the Shark Club are in and we earned approximately \$3200.00 for our second four dates. Another round of thanks to all of the volunteers who generously volunteered their time; it is greatly appreciated! We do not have any specific future dates scheduled at this time but are on a list with the club as dates arise. We may also schedule a tournament or two here at St. Mary. Please look for announcements as future dates are available. Also, if you are willing to work dates but are not a part of PTC e-mailings, please e-mail [PTC@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:PTC@stmarypinckney.org) and let us know so we can add you to the database. Thank you all again for your support of St. Mary School!



# Pampered Chef Party

*Hooray For Hollywood hosts*

*A Pre Oscar Bash!!*

- **When:** March 24th @ 7PM
- **Where:** St Mary Multi-use
- **What:** Pampered Chef Demonstration/ Cooking Class with Celebrity Chef Renee Chodkowski – The Pie Lady!
- **Admission:** Please bring a food pantry item

*Food Pantry Items Needed: Cereal, Oatmeal, Jelly, Juice, Laundry Soap, Toilet Paper, Soup, Pancake Mix/ Baking Mix, Dish Soap and Canned Veggies (corn, green beans, potatoes and mixed veggies)*

**All profit from sales will be donated back to your school's auction.**

**All are Welcome!!**  
**Please bring a Friend!!**

**Reservations Required**

**\*Signup Sheet will be in the School Gathering space\***

**Or email us at [auction@stmarypinckney.org](mailto:auction@stmarypinckney.org)**

*“Men want the same thing from their underwear that they want from women: a little bit of support, and a little bit of freedom.” – Jerry Seinfeld*

**St. Mary's Men's Club**  
**Presents**

**Breakfast &**  
**Boseball**

**Country Style Breakfast**

Sunday April 5, 2009

From 8:30am to 11:00am

## ***FREE WILL DONATIONS***

***For St. Mary's Building Fund***

**Menu**

**50/50 Raffle**

Eggs - Scrambled or Fried  
Hash brown potatoes  
Biscuits and sausage gravy  
Pancakes  
Toast - Regular and Raisin  
French toast and Raisin French toast  
Ham  
Pork sausage links  
**NEW! Quiche**  
Coffee, tea, milk, and orange juice

**2 Big  
Drawings!**

**1st:**

**Half the Pot**

**2nd:**

**Justin  
Verlander**

**of**

**Detroit Tigers  
Autographed**

*Back by Popular Demand!*

*Waffle Station*



**Baseball**



**Come Join the  
Fun!**