

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN FAITH + SCHOLARSHIP + SERVICE

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Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, March 27, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass - Grade 5• NO PRESCHOOL• NO AM BUS SERVICE• Jump All Stars out of Brighton - 2:00 PM Everyone Welcome• Stations of the Cross - 2:45 PM• JV Girls Basketball Tournament @ HOME
Saturday, March 28, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JV Girls Basketball Tournament @ HOME
Sunday, March 29, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Eucharist Parent Meeting # 2 - Multi-Use Room 10:15 am - 11:20 am
Monday, March 30, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer - Grade 4
Tuesday, March 31, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School Field Trip - Howell Nature Center
Wednesday, April 1, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School Mass - Grade 8
Thursday, April 2, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marshall Music Band Screening - Grade 4 9:00 am• Jump Rope for Heart

[March Menu.pdf](#)

Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- **GO WILDCATS!**

Varsity girls basketball won their league tournament Saturday, March 21, at Charyl Stockwell Academy. They played St Joe's in 3 very tough games to secure the win.

This team has only 8 players and was very small compared to the St Joe's team. They played their hearts out!!! A big THANK YOU to John Hanifan for being a living example of our parish stewardship prayer. The Hanifan's are St Mary Parish members but do not have children at our school. His service to our school, our faith community and these young ladies is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Malia Gabel, Ashley Weiland, Gabbie Redpath, Mel Flaherty, Makena Gabel, JoAnn Stepaniak, Rachel Kukalis and Rebecca Kukalis!

GO WILDCATS!

- **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!
- **Fast Forward to May!** St. Mary Catholic School will be closed on **Friday, May 1**. Pinckney Community Schools will also be closed on this day, and our original St. Mary calendar did not reflect the fact that we would be closed too. Please mark your calendars! **(Please note - This item was updated on Friday, March 20!)**

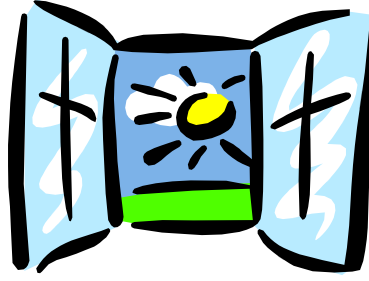
[PTC General Meeting Minutes Jan 09.pdf](#)

Thank you for your continuing support!

Best regards,

John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



THIRD GRADE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated used books for our school sale! We had more books than ever and students enjoyed helping out with the sale. We will keep you posted when details become available about the new books we will be purchasing for our library. Each new book will have a special book plate on the inside cover that will let others know this year's third graders purchased these books with the proceeds from the sale. Until then enjoy reading your "new" used books! A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Coffelt and Mrs. Malcolm for their help with our sale.

We have been working very hard in the classroom on all our academic subjects. We are now using cursive handwriting on our weekly spelling tests. We have also completed the grammar portion of our textbooks and will be learning how to write a personal narrative after Easter break. Memorizing our multiplication facts has helped us to learn many new concepts in division. Soon we will be starting our study of the planets in Science class. On Friday, March 27th we look forward to celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Bill. Please keep us in your prayers throughout this Lenten season.

For Your Information

March Madness at St.Mary was a HUGE Success!!!

Thank you to everyone who was able to help out last Saturday. In total we raised about **\$1300** for St.Mary. Not bad for one day of work!!! Volunteers on Saturday included: Mike Haynes, Mary Wroten, Lynsey & John Fackler, Tom & Stephen Tarske, Kurt & Tyra Schmitter, Suzanne Ickes, Madonna Lefebvre, Tim & Karen Burke and the Burke boys, Pam McGlade and the McGlade boys!!! Special thanks to Rob & Amy Salowitz for showing up at 3 different times on Saturday to help out. The support from all of you was very much appreciated!

Lunchroom Reminder:

Hot lunches are ordered by 9:00 am each day. Please remind your child if they are ordering lunch or are brown bagging that day. The school is responsible to pay for the number of lunches called in each day whether they are eaten or not. If your child ordered lunch and you bring them one or they find it later they still will be charged for the lunch. We are able to order lunch for a child that has forgotten his/her lunch - they will be charged for the cost. Parents are expected to pay for lunches that their child(ren) order.

A elementary hot lunch cost is \$ 2.50 per day or \$ 11.25 for a 5 lunch ticket. A middle school hot lunch is \$2.50 per day or \$ 12.50 for a 5 lunch ticket.

California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser:

On Monday, April 6, 2009 (during spring break), St. Mary School is sponsoring a fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen in Ann Arbor (Briarwood Mall) to raise money for the risers. Simply bring the enclosed flyer to CPK anytime on April 6 and present it to your server when ordering (dine-in or take-out). 20% of your check (minus tax and tip) will be donated to the school. It's that easy! Please consider passing this flyer along to family, friends, and co-workers. Your support is VERY much appreciated! Questions can be sent to dawn.wise@iranewise.com.

Coming Soon - St. Mary School Fundraising Flower Sale!

Along with the arrival of spring, comes the gardener's anticipation of, yet, another growing season that holds the promise of their best garden ever. This spring, look to pre-order top quality flowers through St. Mary School. We will be taking orders for flats of annuals, as well as, 12 inch pots of tomatoes and green peppers. Order forms are to be distributed next week before Easter Break and are due back on Wed, April 15, 2009. All orders are to be pre-paid. Delivery date is set for Wed, May 6, subject to weather and delivery. This is in time for the ever-popular planting date of Mother's Day Weekend. Most of us buy plants from Bordines, Home Depot, or Lowes - please consider ordering from us to benefit our students. This fundraising event is open to everyone, so please tell friends and relatives how they will be able order and show their support. And, of course, the school and/or parish will gladly welcome any donation of flowers to be planted right here for the community to enjoy throughout the summer. Again, look for the order forms next week through kid-mail. Thank you.

TRIP Update:

Just wanted to share some updates on the TRIP program...

1. We just received a letter informing us that Kroger will be changing their program for contributing to non-profit organizations. The changes will go into effect May 1st. Unfortunately, under the new structure we will not be able to utilize Kroger donations to go towards individual tuition accounts via the TRIP program. The great news is that with the new structure we will still receive a monetary donation to our school and it will be much more user friendly.

To capture these benefits shoppers will just need to register their Kroger Savings card under a user ID that will be assigned to us. Anyone (friends, family, parishioners) can register their card to benefit our school. I'll send out another update within a month to advise how to register your card. Kroger will cut us a check 3 times a year based on the \$ spent by our members vs. members of other non-profit organizations. There is not a set % contribution, so it will be interesting to see the \$ amount this is able to generate. Obviously, the more people we get to register their cards and shop at Kroger the more it benefits our school. I think participation should be high, as this is much easier than buying gift cards and recharging them.

For those of you that still re-charge your Kroger card for TRIP credit, you will continue to receive the earnings until May 1st.

2. Due to very low participation, there will be no TRIP orders placed during the summer break. If someone feels strongly about continuing the program over the summer, I'd be happy to train them to run the program during that time frame.

3. I'm also still looking for some volunteers to learn the process and help out next year with placing and filling orders. This will really help secure the future and continuity of the TRIP program.

Feel free to call with any questions.
Christine Falinski
(517) 552-7804

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

Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship:

The applications for the Tricia T. Berger Music Scholarship will be available in the school and parish offices starting Monday, March 30, 2009. To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must be currently in grades K-11 *and* must have attended St. Mary School for at least one year. The purpose of the scholarship is to help pay for private music lessons. Applications are due May 15 and recipients will be notified by phone by May 30. Keep reading the bulletin and Marion Messenger for more details regarding the scholarship and it's fund raising event. Thank you!

Ms. Lynn M. Trierweiler, scholarship committee member

"Hooray for Hollywood Updates!"

OPRAH – You can be the winning bid on 4 tickets to the fall season of the OPRAH Show – date and time to be determined by you. If you don't want it you'll want to see who does. So cool! Watch for hotel and fun to be added to this awesome GIRLS GONE OPRAH live item.

I LOVE YOU MAN! Guys Weekend – The Sanchez family has donated their Higgins Lake Cottage & Guest House for a long weekend with just the guys. From Thurs. Aug 6th – Sun. Aug. 9th, up to 8 people will enjoy this waterfront home complete with fire pit, horseshoes, boat dock and beautiful sunsets. You can hit the greens at

Forest Dunes or hit the water for fishing fun. Spend some time up north – there's nothing like it.

The Pampered Chef demonstration was a huge success – thanks to Kim Plait for coordinating it and thanks to all of you who came or placed orders. You can still place an order online if you missed it. Call Kim at 734-878-0762. We will have some final numbers by the next messenger.

Still in need of some items --- gas cards, rounds of golf, spring and summer fun, corona beer, cigars, champagne, Nintendo DS and games, goggles/swim cap, bottles of wine.

Special thanks this week to our décor help Wendy Warshal and Rochelle Stepaniak; our VIP Green Room Reception Hosts – Mr. & Mrs. Kunick; Ms. Hamer for helping out with the sleepover and Mrs. Houk for her tutoring donation.

FAMILY ADS – Be sure to get your thoughts in print.....do you have a milestone this year? 1st communion, Graduation, want to thank a great coach or an 8th 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 if you are interested.

[Auction Family Ads .pdf](#)

Howell Nature Center:

Parents Night Out!

Saturday, March 28 - Friday, April 3 - Friday, May 8

Parents here is your chance to enjoy an evening out while your children are making special memories of their own. Our adventure will include a pizza party, crafts, games and exciting themed activities. Your adventure is up to you! Ages 5yrs.-12 yrs.

**Fee: \$30 per child. Additional Siblings \$25. Each session is 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Advanced Registration Required!**

Spring Break Day Camp

April 6 –10

8:30 am - 4:00 pm \$32 per day

The next best thing to heading south...heading to the Nature Center for days filled with friends, crafts, seasonal activities, and crazy themed fun.

Please bring a sack lunch, snacks are provided. **Ages 5 yrs. - 12yrs. Advance
Registration Required!**



Philanthropizza.

Please join us at California Pizza Kitchen for a flavorsome fundraising event. All you need to do is bring in this flyer on our scheduled date and present it to your server when ordering. 20% of your check will benefit our organization. So come out and enjoy something delicious from the CPK menu.

Your taste buds will thank you, and so will we.

St. Mary School

Pinckney, Michigan

California Pizza Kitchen

Briarwood Mall

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Monday, April 6, 2009

Thanks for the support.

We can't wait to see you.

Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax, gratuity and retail purchases. Valid for dine-in and take-out only.

Manager, please attach this flyer to the guest check.

Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.

St. Mary Men's Club Presents

**Breakfast &
Baseball**

Country Style Breakfast

Sunday April 5, 2009

From 8:30am to 11:00am

***FREE WILL
DONATIONS***

For St. Mary's Building Fund

Menu

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

Back by Popular Demand!

Waffle Station



50/50 Raffle

**2 Big
Drawings!**

1st:

Half the Pot

2nd:

**Justin
Verlander**

Or

**Detroit Tigers
Autographed
Baseball**



**Come Join the
Fun!**

