



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Pink Note

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From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

This Friday is our annual 1st & 2nd grade Christmas Pageant entitled, “*The Hopeless Camel*”. It was our hope that the new gym would be done on time, but that was not meant to be; this year’s performance will once again be held at St. Peter Church. For those of you who have already been through this event, you remember what an exciting evening it was for both our students and their parents. It is one of those evening’s that radiates with Christmas excitement everywhere you look. It is an annual event to look forward to every year and one that always proves to be an adventure in some way as well. This Friday night, memories will be made for life during this very special moment in time.

Saturday is also an important day and this year it is important for more reasons than one! To begin with, it is a holy day, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a.k.a. Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The a.k.a. name of this holy day is the name that I think perpetuates the myth that this day is celebrated as the conception of Jesus; however, it is not that at all! This day is about Mary and how she was conceived without original sin. Just a little information on this feast day:

- *The Feast of the Immaculate Conception centers on the belief that Jesus’ mother, the Virgin Mary, was conceived without sin. Pope Pius IX issued an apostolic constitution, known as the Ineffabilis Deus, on December 8, 1854. This document clarified the importance of the Immaculate Conception in the Catholic Church.*
- There are many symbols in the art world that depict this special day in various paintings, statues, and other forms of artwork of this day’s true meaning. They usually show Mary as a young woman dressed in white and blue. She is often standing on a hill or raised area and has a halo of stars around her head. The pieces of art may also include images of clouds, golden lights, cherubs, lilies or roses.
- Around the world this day is celebrated in many different ways. It is a national holiday in Italy, Spain, Monaco, Malta, and Guam. The Archbishop of Guam, Michael Byrnes, a native Michigander, former Bishop in our dioceses, and a friend to St. Peter/St. Mary is celebrating this day very differently than we are. This legal holiday in Guam, known as Our Lady of Camarin Day, commemorates a small wooden statue known as Our Lady of Camarin. The statue’s home is in the Agana Cathedral Basilica. It has been a tradition since the early 1900’s for the statue to be taken down on this day and placed on a cart, which is then pulled into Hagåtña, Guam’s capital. This statue leads the procession in which people pray to honor Jesus through his mother Mary.
- On this day before meals, instead of praying the traditional Catholic Grace before Meals, we pray the Hail Mary.
- St. Peter’s Mass for the holy day will be at 10:00 am Saturday morning.

Saturday afternoon after the 4:00 Mass, we will have the official blessing of the new grotto on the property of St. Peter, where St. Mary Catholic School first began. The site is already beautiful, but will become ever so more beautiful once the bronze statue of Mary, along with three children are officially placed in the grotto and blessed. This day marks the completion of another phase of our St. Peter major project. The building is gone, the parking lot complete, the grotto will be blessed, and soon we will be playing basketball in the new gym and having that building blessed as well. It takes a village for sure to complete a project of this magnitude. We are very blessed to be a part of a village/parish of extremely faith-filled and generous people who care a great deal not only for our parish and school today, but for the future. Please join us for this very special candle light blessing ceremony. It is history in the making, come be a part of this historical moment in the life of our parish.

On Saturday as well, our St. Mary Forensics team will be competing in the Eastside Forensic Competition at the Grosse Pointe Academy under the direction of Mrs. Griffore & Mrs. Sorgeloos. We wish the following students great success:

Drama:

Jaedyn Byars
Emily Stryzinski
Gavin Gaynor
Katelyn Catana

Prose:

Kennedy Roskopp
Grace Gutmann
Katelyn Muhlenkamp
Ava Schneider

Multiple Team:

Jack Janusch
Joseph Banaszak
Thomas Simasko
Kayla Reynolds
Kamryn Rastigue

Duo:

Domenic Battaglia &
Ryan Baughman
Natalie Moncaleano &
Makenna Johnson
Ava Shiner &
Lilliana Keoshian

Declamation:

Jared Nadolinski
Yong Wu

Storytelling:

Ava Janusch
Ava Esquivel
Avery Starnes
Haley Straetmans

Poetry:

Hannah Cabal
Paige Vogan

Impromptu:

Addysen Curtiss
Rita Yammine

On Sunday the Winter Sports Mass for all our student athletes and their coaches is happening at 10:00. Come join your student-athlete together in prayer as a parish family to bless all our student-athletes on their great season that lies ahead!

Candy Cane Grams go on sale starting today, so make sure you send your special loved ones a Candy Cane Gram! We are also well underway with our Snowpile Drive for Children's Hospital of Detroit; our goal is to reach 500 toys! Thank you too for those parents who donated new batteries for the cause – great idea! St. Vincent de Paul President, Brian Coultier, stopped by last Friday's Mass to thank us all for the generous donations. They are so very appreciative of all we do for them! Our student council was proud to announce that we donated 1740 items to our parish food pantry. Congratulations to our 7th graders who won the contest with 340 items donated! Thank you so much for your support of our students & SVdP's efforts!

I leave you this morning with a prayer to begin next Sunday when you light the 2nd purple candle on your Advent wreath:

Lord, our God,
we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ,
for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.
He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,
let your blessing come upon us,
as we light our second candle.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of
Christ's promise of salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this in His holy name. Amen.



May grace and blessings be in your path,
Maureen Miscavish



Kroger Community Rewards Program

St. Mary Catholic School is now part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Please take a few minutes and register your Kroger scan card at <https://www.kroger.com/>.

Select "Kroger Community Rewards" at the bottom of the page and create an account. Select St. Mary Catholic School or DA174, Enter your scan card number, and click "Enroll".

NEW SIBLING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Attention St. Mary School families who plan on enrolling a 3 or 4 year-old, or an older child who is not currently attending St. Mary for the 2019/20 school year, we need you to call the school office and speak to Mrs. Lisey or email her at glisey@stmarymtclemens.com to place them on the enrollment list. Registration packets will be sent home on January 16 and it is imperative that we include paperwork for that child in your packet. Please let us know ASAP and by January 8 at the latest. We will need the following information on the new student: Family name, child's name, child's birth date, and grade level in the fall. Please do not forget. Almost every year someone does and then a class fills and we are unable to enroll a current family's child.



Daddy Daughter Dance

The Daddy Daughter Dance Registration form has come home. This special event is Sunday, February 24, 2 - 6 pm at The Mirage. Cost is \$40 per couple (\$15 each additional daughter)
Please return the form with payment in an envelope marked Daddy Daughter Dance to the school office.

***Tickets must be purchased by January 25th.**



SNOWPILE

The NJHS SNOWPILE Drive for Children's Hospital of Michigan runs through **December 11th**. Please do your part to make these children and their family's Christmas Day brighter. Check your inbox from November 14th for more information and toy suggestions. Our goal is 500 toys!



SCRIP NEWS!

Please plan ahead and place your orders early in preparation for Christmas. Gift cards make great stocking stuffers!
Last Day to place SCRIP order for Christmas is Dec 10th before Noon to be picked up on Dec. 14th. The next order will be placed Jan. 7th.



Grades 1-4 Indoor Soccer

It is registration time for the Winter Session for Indoor Soccer grades 1-4. Registration forms are in your inbox. Final registration due date is December 14.



Box Tops for Education

The deadline for the Box Tops for Education contest is Tuesday, December 11th. The classroom with the most will receive a free jeans day.



BEING GREEN

This year we are continuing our Green School efforts with collecting your old strings of Christmas lights. To save energy and money this Christmas, replace your old incandescent Christmas lights with LED lights. Then drop off your old lights at our recycling center across from Mrs. Chalk's preschool room.

There will be no SMS Backpack / Latchkey or afterschool clubs on Tuesday, December 18th.



CAFETERIA NEWS

Lunch time volunteers are needed for December 6, 11, 13, 14, 17.
Log in <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foe4ca8a72aa0f58-lunch2>
use the password '2union' to submit days you can volunteer. Lunch time is from 10:55 until 1:00. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Save the Date

Dec. 7 ~ Progress Reports
Dec. 7 ~ Gr. 1 & 2 Christmas Pageant
Dec. 14 ~ Kdg. Christmas Pageant
Dec. 17 ~ All School Mass @ SMS 8:15
Dec. 18 ~ No Latchkey
Dec. 19 ~ Noon Dismissal —
Latchkey until 6:00 PM
Dec. 20 —January 1 ~ No School -
Christmas Break
January 2 ~ School Resumes
Jan. 18 ~ End of 2nd Quarter
Jan. 21 ~ No School—Staff PD
Jan. 27 ~ Open House for New Families
Jan 28—Feb. 1 ~ Catholic Schools Week
Feb. 1 ~ Honors after Mass
Feb. 14 & 15 ~ Noon Dismissal—
Conferences
Feb. 18-19 ~ No School - Winter Break
Feb. 22 ~ Progress Reports
Feb. 24 ~ Daddy Daughter Dance
Mar. 8 ~ No School —Teacher PD
Mar. 6 ~ All School Mass
—Ash Wednesday

“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” Poster Contest

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

You are encouraged to share with your children the TRUE meaning of Christmas and then create a poster that reflects that message.

OFFICIAL RULES

- Contest opened to all students in grades K-8.
- Poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas. Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.
- Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches (Paper available from Mrs. Clara if needed). However, the supreme Council will not disqualify based on poster size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic.
- Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest entry form (#5025) Available from Mrs. Clara.
- The name and age of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster.
- All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus supreme Council office.

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE TO MRS. CLARA BY DECEMBER 19th

Weekly Highlights

Thursday, Dec. 6

St. Nicholas Day
Gr. 6 DARE
Snowpile, Candy Cane Sale & Santa Shoppe
Continues
Adv. Readers Club 3:10-4:00
NJHS Tutoring Team A 3:10-4:00
Newspaper Club 3:10-4:00

Friday, Dec. 7

Progress Reports
Mass at St. Peter Gr. 1-8
Snowpile, Candy Cane Sale & Santa Shoppe
Continues
Gr. 1 & 2 Christmas Pageant at St. Peter 6:30

Saturday, Dec. 8

Feast of Immaculate Conception
St. Peter Grotto Blessing after 4:00 Mass
Forensics at Grosse Point Academy

Sunday, Dec. 9

Second Sunday of Advent
Winter Sports Mass 10:00 Mass

Monday, Dec. 10

Mass SMS Gr. 5-8, 8:15
Snowpile & Candy Cane Sale Continues
Last Day to Order Scrip
Gr. 2 & 8 MC Library
Chess Club 3:10-4:00
Student Council Meeting 3:10-4:00
Band & Choir Christmas Concert -
7:00 PM Cafeteria

Tuesday, Dec. 11

Snowpile & Candy Cane Sale Continues
Box Tops for Education Due
Gr. 7 Meadowbrook
Gr. 1 & 6 Spiritual Buddy Day
Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00
Gr. 5-8 Chess Club 3:10-4:00
Children's Choir 3:10-4:00

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Mass SMS Gr. 1-4, 8:15
Snowpile Continues
Gr. 4 Crocker House

Coming Home

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Student Council Candy Cane Sale

E-mailed Home



**St. Peter
Christmas Schedule**

Penance Service

Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM
and Saturday, December 22 at 2:30 PM

Christmas Eve

—Monday, December 24
(No 8:00 AM Mass)
Children's Mass at 5:00 PM
Mass at 7:00 PM and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day

-Tuesday, December 25
Mass at 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

New Years Eve

—Monday, December 31
5:00 PM Mass

New Years Day

—Tuesday, January 1, 2019
(No 8:00 AM Mass)
10:00 AM Mass

St. Peter Catholic Church



Out of the Past, THE FUTURE



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