



ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Pink Note

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From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

This past weekend, Michelle Petrella, one of our former parents & Mrs. Falk, our 8th grade teacher, took turns speaking to the parish about Archbishop Vigneron's Pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*. Yes it is a letter, but ultimately, it is much more than a bunch of words on paper – it is a movement, a new direction, a new way of thinking about our Catholic church, our Catholic faith and what our own personal role is in the greater picture of our Catholic faith. One of the aspects of their talk was to have everyone in the congregation sign-up for a 6 day, daily reflection, to kick start all of us on our way to becoming “a band of joyful missionary disciples” sharing our faith with all those around us. No worries, he is not asking any of us to go out and stand on a street corner recruiting the people who stop at the light! He wants us all to refocus on how we live day to day as a reflection of our Catholic faith for those around us to see.

The program is 6-days of short videos with a few reflection questions, nothing too heavy, just enough to make you think about your faith and the part you play in this new direction. It begins with a quick introduction, .38 seconds – who does not have .38 seconds to hear about this new direction in their faith life? Day 1 – 2.26 minutes & Day 2 was 2.31 minutes – it has taken me less than 6 minutes to be a part of this program. The questions can take as much time as you need them to, it all depends on your thought process. It could be 2 minutes, it could be a good 20 – 30 minute conversation with someone, who knows, only you will know once you participate! There are no right or wrong answers, it is truly all about you. This is a great experience to do as a family – every member of your family will have something different to contribute, based on their faith life at the moment. How often do you ask your child important questions about their faith life? You ask them how school went every day, are you more interested in the drama on the playground than in their faith development? Let's hope it is in their faith, the drama on the playground you already lived in your own childhood, the kids' names were just different – so why rehash that, when you could be talking about how they *Unleashed the Gospel* in their own life at school today! You send them to a Catholic school for a reason and Archbishop Vigneron's new campaign has handed you an easy technology driven tool to explore this new direction with your children. It might be a nice change of pace for them and a great way to get them away from playing *Fortnite* for the millionth time!

Why not sign-up today if you have not already done so, and begin a 6-day conversation about your faith life with your family. The videos will be sent directly to your email and you can go back to the previous days if you need to. Your children are a part of this new direction, your children are the future of the Catholic church, the future of the moral compass of this nation; you need to make sure you are doing everything you can to keep them on the right path. It is easy to sign-up, go to <https://utgchallenge.com> and follow the directions from there—it will take you less than a minute! I think you will be happy that you did. Our society is changing quickly every day and in so many ways not for the better. The farther our world gets away from our foundation, a foundation shaped by the Christian values of our founding fathers, the less it resembles a nation that puts God, Christian morals and values first. Do your part to *Unleash the Gospel* in your family, do your part to make this world a better place for the 410 students at St. Mary for today and for tomorrow. Help us to create a community where those 410 students lead the way as joyful missionary disciples into the future!

We look forward to the sold-out Holiday Party & Raffle this Saturday night! It should be wonderful as always and we thank Andrea Tersigni, Sandy Coons, Roslyn McInerney, Donna Reynolds, Tammy Rastigue, Barb Ryan, Jen Lichocki, and so many more for all their dedication to make this year's event even more successful than the previous years. We thank the Tersigni Family Foundation for their generous matching donation of up to \$25,000 again this year. It is my hope, that our proceeds for the evening will exceed \$25,000 so that we receive the full matching donation as we have in the last few years. This evening has provided many great resources for our classrooms and we are very blessed to be surrounded by so many generous people who care so very much about the success of St. Mary School.

Today is Report Card Day! For our 1 & 2 graders, your report cards will be coming home hard copy. Parents, please make sure you sign the envelope and return it to your child's teacher ASAP. For our 3rd – 8th graders, you will find their report card in Power School. For anyone who has not signed into PowerSchool or if you are having difficulty doing so, please email today jsandiego@stmarymtclemens.com. Our 1st Quarter Honors for our 4 – 8 graders will be held directly after Mass this Friday. Please join us for Mass and for this special presentation. Also, please say a prayer just this one time, that it is snow we get Friday morning before the rain moves in!

Our Rock Middle School Youth Group meets this Sunday night in the basement of St. Peter. This is a fun-filled evening for all our 6 – 8 graders to get together in a casual setting with our parish Youth Minister, Tori Kearney to enjoy their faith. I know initially your child may be reluctant to go because it is one of those “awkward teenage” moments. However, so far, everyone who has gone, has had a fabulous time and gone back to every meeting. Tori has been over at lunch to meet our students, so they already know her! Sometimes, well probably most of the time, teenagers need a little push in the right direction to get over whatever the “awkward teenage” thing of the moment happens to be! The meeting is being held from 6:00 – 8:00 and you should enter through the Fr. Welch Hall doors to get to the basement. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to email Tori at rockyouthgroup@comcast.net or call the parish office at 586-468-4578. There are some great events, events that count as service hours, coming up; Jingle for Jesus Walk in December & a winter retreat in January – why not have your child come this Sunday and find out what those are all about! Another opportunity to stop playing *Fortnite* and do something productive!

Our Student Council's St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive for our parish pantry is well underway. Keep those non-perishable food items coming, they need to stock up on their inventory as we approach Thanksgiving. Most importantly too, they need to make sure their cupboards are not bare right after Thanksgiving! Thank you for your generosity as always!

I leave you today with the:

Prayer to Unleash the Gospel
*God our Father, you have called us
to be witnesses to Jesus
and have commissioned us to lead
all people to encounter him.
Send your Holy Spirit
to enlighten our minds
so that your will may be clear to us
and that we may accept it.
Dwell within our souls
and make our hearts your own.*

Transform us into a band of joyful missionary disciples embracing the fruits of Synod 16 so as to share the good news of Jesus Christ in Southeastern Michigan through joyful evangelization and service. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen. Saint Anne, pray for us.

May grace and blessings be in your path,
Maureen Miscavish



Box Tops for Education



Thank you for all the Box Tops for Education that were turned in so far this school year. Congratulations to Ms. Upchurch's class for the highest number of Box Tops sent in! Ms. Upchurch's class will receive a free jeans day!

3yr AM — DiGiuseppe : 113	Gr. 3 — Perzanowski : 182
3yr PM — DiGiuseppe : 25	Gr. 4 — Pierce : 75
4yr AM — DiGiuseppe : 266	Gr. 4 — Sulek : 175
4yr PM — DiGiuseppe : 50	Gr. 5 — Sorgeloos : 147
4yr Pre. — Chalk : 259	Gr. 5 — Venditto : 52
Kdg. — Kern/Frawley : 222	Gr. 6 — Griffore : 154
Kdg. — Francis : 93	Gr. 6 — Kroha : 164
Gr. 1 — Child : 247	Gr. 7 — Sheils : 56
Gr. 1 — Azar : 258	Gr. 7 — Belknap : 22
Gr. 2 — Beffa : 352	Gr. 8 — Falk : 169
Gr. 2 — Minoletti : 110	Gr. 8 — Upchurch : 896
Gr. 3 — Barkus : 90	

A Turkey Collection Sheet is coming home today to start a new classroom challenge. The classroom with the most Box Tops turned in by December 11th will receive a free Jeans Day. When you grocery shop for your Thanksgiving meal look for items with Box Tops for Education! Also, ask your neighbors and relatives to save them for you!

CAFETERIA NEWS



Lunch time volunteers are needed for November 13, 15, 16, 26, & 29. Log in <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20foe4ca8a72aaof58-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.



Leftover Halloween Candy Donations

Not sure what to do with all that left over Halloween candy? Feel free to send it into school. For the past few years we have boxed up the donations and distributed the candy, chips, drinks, popcorn, etc. to local adult group homes. We would love to continue this tradition and help you out at the same time! If possible, please do not donate candy made in China.



**Support the Student Council's St. Peter Pantry
St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive
November 5 - 16**

The St. Mary Student Council is partnering with St. Peter St. Vincent de Paul Society to provide food for families in need. Our goal is to donate the items that the pantry is in need of at this time.

Students from each grade are invited to donate the following items:

- Preschool - pork & beans
- Kindergarten - canned tuna
- First Grade - canned vegetables
- Second Grade - canned chicken
- Third Grade - canned fruit
- Fourth Grade - mac & cheese
- Fifth Grade - pasta sauce
- Sixth Grade - instant potatoes
- Seventh Grade - jelly or jam
- Eighth Grade - canned yams

The Grade with the most points at the end of the food drive wins a prize. Keep sending in your used **clean, dry** grocery bags to help them out as well!

Weekly Highlights

Thursday, Nov. 8

SVdP Food Drive Continues
Gr. 2 Cranbrook
Newspaper Club 3:10-4:00
NJHS Tutoring Team A 3:10-4:00

Friday, Nov. 9

Mass at St. Peter Gr. 1-8
followed by Honors
SVdP Food Drive Continues
Gr. 8 Confirmation Retreat 5:00 PM
No Athletics

Saturday, Nov. 10

Holiday Party & Raffle 5:00 PM

Sunday, Nov. 11

ROCK Youth Meeting 6:00 PM

Monday, Nov. 12

Mass at SMS Gr. 5-8 8:15 AM
SVdP Food Drive continues
Student Council Meeting 3:10-4:00

Tuesday, Nov. 13

SVdP Food Drive Continues
Little Mountaineers 12:30-2:00
Gr. 4 & 5 Art Club 3:10-4:00
Children's Choir 3:10-4:00

Wednesday, Nov. 14

SVdP Food Drive Continues
Mass at SMS Gr. 1-4 8:15 AM
NJHS Meeting 3:10-4:00

Coming Home

Pink Note
Box Tops for Education Turkey Collection
Report Cards Gr. 1 & 2
St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive Info

E-mailed Home

Parent Teacher Conference Link
Report Cards Gr. 3-8

Save the Date

Nov. 9 ~ Gr. 8 Confirmation Retreat
Nov. 10 ~ Holiday Party & Raffle
Nov. 14 ~ Mandatory Sacrament Meeting for those that missed October's meeting
Nov. 19 - 20 ~ Noon Dismissal & Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov. 21 - 23 ~ No School —Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1 ~ Jingle for Jesus
Dec. 2 ~ Altar Server Installation
Dec. 3—7 ~ Santa Shoppe
Dec. 7 ~ Progress Reports
Dec. 7 ~ Gr. 1 & 2 Christmas Pageant
Dec. 14 ~ Kdg. Christmas Pageant
Dec. 7 ~ All School Mass @ SMS
Dec. 18 ~ No Latchkey
Dec. 19 ~ Noon Dismissal — Latchkey until 6:00 PM
Dec. 20 —January 1 ~ No School - Christmas Break

St. Peter Catholic Church



Out of the Past, THE FUTURE



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St. Peter Parish ROCK Youth Group News

Middle School ROCK Meeting

November 11, 2018 is the next Middle School ROCK meeting! Join us from 6-8 PM in the youth room! Bring a friend and your Bible! Check rockyouthmin.weebly.com for more dates, events, and information!

Jingle for Jesus

Jingle for Jesus Walk & Blanket making is on Saturday, December 1. See Church Bulletin for more information.

ROCK Youth Ministry Winter Retreat

Calling all 6-8 grade students for our Winter Retreat! Join us January 25-27, 2019 at Springhill Camps. Springhill Camp is located in Ewart, MI about 2 hours west of here. Students will spend time with other middle school students learning about Jesus from an amazing speaker and small group discussions. There will also be time to enjoy the tubing hill, zipline course, horseback riding, along with many other activities. A live band will also be there for entertainment and we will attend Mass on Sunday morning at the local Catholic Church! Check www.rockyouthmin.weebly.com for permission slips and more information or contact Tori Kearney at (586) 468-4578 or stpetyouthmin@gmail.com