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## **Parent Newsletter**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The St. Mary Catholic School community empowers students to grow spiritually, academically, creatively, and physically so they may experience, understand and live their responsibilities to God, family, community and self.

**MUM/HONEY FUNDRAISER:** Thank you to everyone for selling! We raised over \$2,000.

Pancake Breakfast: We will begin our monthly pancake breakfasts October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

**September 23:** A reminder that there is no school tomorrow, Friday, September 23. Our teachers are attending a professional development day.

**Blessing of the Pets:** On October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi with a blessing of the pets. If you would like to bring your pet, please be on the playground by 3pm with your pet in a cage or on a leash. Father Peter will be outside at 3pm to give the pets a blessing.

**Blue Mass:** On Friday, October 7, our student Mass will be a "Blue Mass" where we celebrate those employed in the in the field of public safety, i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators, EMS personnel and all first responders. If you know of anyone in this field, please invite them to Mass with us! We will have a reception for them following the Mass.

**Music:** Today we welcomed our new Music Teacher, Mr. Dan Duncan. Mr. Duncan will be teaching each Thursday and is excited to share his talents with St. Mary School Students.

Attached is a flyer that we are encouraging you for read regarding Proposal 3. Our belief is that life begins at conception and that every child is a child of God.

In the words of Bishop Walsh: The Reproductive Freedom For All (RFFA) proposal is the most extreme abortion proposal Michigan has ever witnessed. Based on the proposed wording to amend the constitution, this proposal seeks to eliminate dozens of Michigan laws that regulate abortion, including parental consent laws, laws that prohibit partial-birth abortion, informed consent laws, 24-hour waiting periods, taxpayer funded abortion, laws that require abortion facilities to be licensed and inspected by the State of Michigan, and laws that protect the conscience rights of persons who refuse to participate in abortion. The proposal will also prohibit parental consent rights if children pursue procedures or treatments intended to change his or her biological sex.

The "Anything Goes" abortion proposal being advanced in Michigan is a grave offense to the dignity and sanctity of unborn, innocent human life. As people of faith who witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ and his teachings, and in an order to oppose a deadly, evil proposal that strikes at the very heart of who we are as advocates for life and truth, the Catholic Church in Michigan (and indeed throughout this diocese) will work in harmony with one another and in collaboration with Michigan Catholic Conference and Citizens to Support MI Women and Children to defeat the proposal.

Week at a glance				
Monday, September 26	Tuesday, September 27	Wednesday, September 28	Thursday, September 29	Friday, September 30
		8:30 Student Mass	Hot Lunch: Soup and	
K-7 Computers	Hot Lunch: Pizza bites	Hot Lunch: sloppy Joes	Sandwich	2/3 and K/1 Art
2/3 and 6/7 Art	P.E.	2/3, 4/5 and 6/7 Art	K/1 and 4/5 Art	K-7 Stem
	K/1 Art		K-7 Music	
Pray for Connor	Pray for Owen	Pray for Eddie	Pray for Sawyer	Pray for Michael T
Berarducci; Hopkins	Browe; Perry	Jess; Peak	Bingham; Stewart	Mailloux; Shoemaker; weber

**Upcoming Dates:** 

September 23: No School

September 28: 8:30pm Student mass October 4: 3pm Blessing of the Pets

October 7: 8:30 am Student Mass/Blue Mass (honoring those who work in the public safety field

October 2: Pancake Breakfast
October 27: 6pm Festival of Saints

November 1: All Saints Day Mass at 8:30am (full day of School for St. Mary Students)