

The Bulldog Barks October 26, 2018

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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South Dearborn will have a trial e-Learning day on November 7th and their students will not be in school. However, St. Mary's **will** be in school on November 7th, but there will be no bus service! Students will be released at 12:35 p.m.

It is beginning to feel like fall outside, some days like winter! Try to make sure that your child(ren) are dressed appropriately. Unless the temperature is 32 degrees or below or it is to wet, we will still have outside recess!

Saint of the Month

St. Francis of Assisi

School Changes:

- Mrs. Rector will be moving to teach the 7th grade.
- The third grade class will be combined with the second grade class and both will be taught by Mrs. Grove. Additionally, the third grade class will now have Mrs. Meyer for Reading!



We have created a separate page with information on *Keeping the Doors Open* campaign at the end of the Bulldog.

Donations can be made online at www.mystmarys.com.

Cash or checks can be dropped off or mailed to school office at 211 Fourth Street, Aurora, IN 47001. Make checks payable to St. Mary's School.

STO Veterans Day program

Our Student Teacher Organization will hold a Veterans Day prayer service in church on Friday, November 9 at 1:55 p.m. We will again create a Wall of Fame in the upstairs hallway to remember men and women of our military, living and deceased. If you have a veteran you would like to have included, please send the person's name to the school office by November 7th, and we will include each person in our prayers and on the Wall of Fame.

After School Care

The After School Care Program will be supervised by Ms. McPherson in the 1st grade room from 2:35 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays and from 2:35 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Fridays! The cost is only \$2.25 per half hour! If you have any question about the After School Care, please call the office or email Ms. McPherson at mcperson.1@mystmarys.com.

School Payments

Don't forget that school lunch, book and technology fees, and tuition may be paid online at www.mystmarys.com.

Box Tops for Education



*** Buy * Clip * Send * Earn***

Box Tops Clips are found on hundreds of product packages and are worth \$.10 for our school. All you need to do is send them to school before they expire! You can also drop them off in the back of church and we will pick them up. St. Mary's has a goal to raise \$1,000 this school year.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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Next week in phonics we will be working with letter Ff- keyword- fish. We will be identifying the short vowel sounds we hear in words(a, i, o), and identifying twin consonants. We are doing a lot of "unblending" to spell our caterpillar words. Please use the word lists that have been sent home to practice this with your child. We will add **of** to our "pop-up" word list.

In math we will continue working with pennies, and time to the hour. We will use a number line to do addition problems, and we will be working with our new letter pattern- ABB.

Our Halloween celebration will be Wednesday, October 31. Thank you to Jessica Wisman for organizing our party.

On Thursday, November 1, we will be joining the rest of the school for our first All School Mass. Thank you to the 8th graders for being our helpers.

Thank you to the S.T.O. for organizing all of the informational activities during Drug Awareness Week. Not only did we learn valuable information, but we enjoyed all of the special out of uniform days too.

Have a fabulous week.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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Our Halloween party will be on Wednesday, October 31st from 12:30-1:30. The student may wear their costumes to school. A special thanks to Mrs. McGraw for helping to organize the party!

In Phonics the students will be reading and spelling new words containing the letters **Jj** (as in jar) and **Vv** (as in vest). We will also be learning the "**Floss Rule**": When a one-syllable root word ends with the letter f, l, or s after a short vowel, it is usually spelled ff, ll, or ss.

In Science we are learning interesting facts about "creepy" critters such as snakes, bats, beetles, and spiders.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We have started learning all about the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. We are practicing the Act of Contrition for our First Reconciliation on December 4th.

It was fun creating a model of a canyon for a lesson on erosion. Olivia's grandmother, Mrs. Perry helped us.

Red Ribbon Week has been fun. Thank you to the STO and Mr. Waldon.

We can't wait to join the 3rd grade. It should be fun.

Grade 3 – Mrs. Rector

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It has been a busy week! I have been moving into the seventh grade classroom a little more each day in order to be ready to go on Monday. I appreciate all of the students who helped carry books and other supplies up the stairs. I will miss the third graders, but am looking forward to the challenge of teaching the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. We have not changed the schedule upstairs, so I will be teaching social studies and computers to 6, 7, and 8; religion and P.E. to 6th grade, as well as the activity periods on Thursday and Friday. There are only four students in these classes that I did not teach in third grade, so I am grateful for the opportunity to get to know them and to get reacquainted with everyone else. Have a terrific week!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyeramanda.meyer@mystmarys.com

The fourth graders and I are excited to welcome the third graders to our classroom in the mornings for reading. I think we will help and learn from each other a lot.

I am sure students are getting excited about Halloween on Wednesday. We will have our class party at 1:30 on Wednesday afternoon. All parents are invited. A Halloween letter was sent home last week with food and drink sign ups.

In math, we are continuing our multiplication chapter. Please keep practicing multiplication facts. Students will be multiplying two-digit numbers by two-digit numbers this week!

Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Bakerleslie.baker@mystmarys.com

Thank you to everyone for all of their warm wishes and congratulations on the birth of our daughter, Sophie. We are enjoying every minute with her! Fifth graders have been doing a great job thanks to Mrs. B filling in while I was out. I appreciate her kindness and hard work.

We are preparing for our social studies test over Native Americans. The test will be next Friday, November 2nd. We will review in class, but fifth graders should be looking over their notes each night to be ready for this test. We are working on long division in math. We are noticing how important it is to be neat and organized with our work.

Our Halloween party will be on Wednesday, October 31st. Please read the letter that was sent home about the party for more details! Have a great week!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Ricesuzy.rice@mystmarys.com

This week the 6th and 7th graders each had math tests on Wednesday. The 8th grade had an algebra test on Thursday. The 6th graders have begun studying ecosystems in science. On Wednesday, Oct. 31 the 6th graders will be using pumpkins for a math/science activity. We will need 2 to 5 pumpkins for the activity. The students who bring in the pumpkins may take them home Wednesday afternoon.

Thank you students for participating in Red Ribbon Week. The presentations from the Dearborn County Health Department and the Aurora Police Department were great.

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Connie Powers (DRE)

Just a reminder, that 7th grade confirmation forms need to be turned in by Monday, October 30th.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rectorkim.rector@mystmarys.com

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Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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We've done a lot of writing this past week, creating thank you notes to everyone who helped make last week's field trip possible for the 6th through 8th graders. We learned a lot about county government, law enforcement, and our legal system, and we walked nine miles! Ask your students about the two biggest expenditures for Dearborn County.

Remember that this Tuesday, October 30th, we'll be having an 8th grade class trip fundraiser at the Aurora Chipotle across from Gillman Home Center on US 50 East from 4-8 P.M. Once sales reach \$300, we will receive 33% of the profit. You must mention St. Mary's School when you order.

This week 7th and 8th graders prayed the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary and invited the students from grades 4, 5, and 6 to join them as we pray for our parish and our school.

We've sold enough raffle tickets to cover the grand prize of \$500. Chances are \$5 each and may be purchased through the eighth graders and the school office. The drawing will be held on December 5. The lucky winner will have a nice chunk of Christmas money! (Indiana Gaming License # 146083)

God bless.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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We concluded the section on Ecology. We will revisit this subject periodically due to the importance of this branch of science in our world. Thursday and Friday we began an introduction on photosynthesis. I brought in one of my 31 banana plants from my three flower gardens. The "elephant ear" leaves are great for dissection and the 8ft stock were great lab specimen's. Terms such as cellulose, petals, stamen, pollen, phloem, xylem, and chlorophyll were discussed.

Area Catholic High School Open House

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend Open Houses at area Catholic high schools. Check individual websites for more information.

St. Henry	Sunday, October 28	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Seton	Thursday, November 1	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
LaSalle	Sunday, November 4	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Elder	Thursday, November 8	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
MercyMcAuley	Thursday, November 8	6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Oldenburg Academy	Sunday, November 11	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
St. Xavier	Sunday, November 11	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saint of the Month**October – St. Francis of Assisi**

The 1st grade class was assigned the month of October and chose, St. Francis of Assisi. Founder of the Franciscan Order, born at Assisi in Umbria, in 1181. He was a wealthy young man of privilege, served as a soldier and was a prisoner of war. He heard God’s call and went on to be one of the most venerated Catholic saints. He designed the first Nativity set and was the first man ever recorded to receive the Stigmata, the wounds of Christ.

Francis died on October 3, 1226. He was declared a saint by Pope Gregory IX on July 16, 1228, and the next day the Pope personally laid the foundation stone for the new Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi is October 4th.

Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at www.mytmarys.com, under “Student Life”, under “Cafeteria/Playground”. If you can fill in one of the open positions, you can call the school office to let us know!

Lunch:

11:25 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5
 11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 2
 12:00 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

Recess:

11 – 11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 2
 11:55 – 12:20 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5
 12:25 – 12:45 p.m. – Grades 6-8

Cafeteria and Playground hours:

Cafe: First lunch is served at 11:25 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve two lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc. You should be finished around 12:45 p.m.

Playground: Arrive around 10:50 a.m. and help the teacher supervise students on playground, Activity Center or at the park (depending on weather). You should be finished around 12:30 p.m.

Cafeteria Volunteers:

10/29 – Help Needed, 10/30 – Help Needed, 10/31 – Marge Waldon

Playground Volunteers:

10/29 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 10/30 – Sheila Cigolotti, 10/31 – Help Needed

Lunch Menu: \$15.00 per ticket (5 meals)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22	23	24	25	26
Spaghetti Lasagna Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Green Beans Fruit Milk	Southern Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Sausage Links Carrots Peas Fruit Milk	Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Mixed Vegetable Fruit Milk



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St. Mary's School has been known as a legacy of excellence in the parish and in the community. We are striving and praying that we can continue this level of excellence by continuing to keep the doors of school open. We as a parish and school have had some financial hardships and are hoping to reach out to the parishoners and community to help financially contribute to our 'Keep the Doors Open' campaign. We have several ideas in the works to produce more income in the future (i.e. preschool, scholarship program) and will also be making cuts to become financially sustainable. Please consider making a financial contribution to our school for the children in this community.

Our website www.mystmarys.com is the best way to donate! If you would rather write a check, you can drop off directly to school, or mail to the address above.

As of 10/26/2018:	7 Donations	\$7,200 raised	\$392,800 remaining
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Meeting October 24, 2018

We had a large number of people attend the meeting this past Wednesday. We will continue to hold meetings, to keep everyone informed. We had input from many individuals in attendance and some great ideas were brought up on how to raise money.

We need to re-iterate that we can not have a Go Fund Me account, or anything like that due to our Non Profit/Tax Exempt status. We also do not want to start up multiple points where people can donate, to eliminate any confusion by donors. This will also avoid any potential fraudulent activity.

We are overwhelmed with the number of people that are calling, texting and messaging ask where and how they help. Please feel free to contact anyone at the top of this page with suggestions and ideas. We welcome your input. We only ask that you contact Bob, Beth, Randy or Michelle before you begin working on a fundraising idea. There may be other individuals already working on the same idea. We don't want to duplicate our efforts!

We will schedule the next meeting as soon as Greg Ramsey and Mark Neff are ready to present financial information.

Bob is schedule to go to Indianapolis on Thursday, November 1st to meet with several individuals to discuss plans for restructuring next year and our fundraising efforts.

Current Progress

1. Donation button is on the front page of our website.
2. We received the posters for tracking our progress. Thank you Beth Legge for donating the posters.
3. There was a news announcement on WSCH – Eagle Country on Friday at 12 noon.
4. There is also an article on Eagle Country Online website.
5. Kerri Ohlmansiek arranged to have a flyer inserted in the next mailing from Aurora Utilities. Randy Turner, the Utility Superintendent at Aurora Utilities, a previous St. Mary's Alumni has offered for the Utility Department to pay Moreton for the inserts (\$192). Thank you Aurora Utilities!
6. Kelly Rose will include the flyer that was put in Aurora Utilities, in the bulletin this weekend.
7. Ann Hutchinson is working on pledge cards.
8. Ellen Bruce and Ann Hutchinson are working on the mailing list for the Alumni.
9. Ellen Bruce is working on a letter that will be sent to Alumni.
10. Beth McCabe will work on radio advertising with Eagle Country (we have a few spots paid for that we will be utilizing).

Help Needed

To meet our financial goal, it is going to take money, time and effort from everyone. If you can help in any way, please let us know!

Letter to local business

We need someone to work on a letter that will be personally delivered to local business by St. Mary's students. This potentially will also be mailed to other large institution, soliciting their donation and/or matching funds.

Bake Sale Jamie Ruter - 812-655-4047 / Lyndsay Hays - 812-907-0312

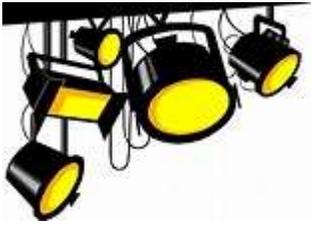
There are many students that want to actively help raise money for their school and this is one way they can help. Lyndsay has arranged for us to sell baked goods at Walmart on Saturday, November 17th. This is the weekend before Thanksgiving, so some people might buy desserts for Thanksgiving. We need people to make homemade pies, pumpkin rolls, etc. They will also need help baking cookies with the students and help sell items on November 17th. If you can help please call Jamie or Lyndsay.

Mailings Ann Hutchinson – 812-926-1558

Once we get the letters written, we will need help putting labels on envelopes, stuffing and mailing. Jill Yauch has already volunteered to help, but we may need more people. I will let you know via email when everything is ready.

Thank you notes

Once the donations are made, we need help with writing thank you notes.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#WELOVESTMARYS

Basketball season is up and running! The boys are excited about practice and look forward to their upcoming games. Mrs. Wismann assigned and handed out uniforms today.

Girls basketball will begin after the holidays.

8th grade students will once again be working the clock and books for all home games.

Student Teacher Organization members:

Eighth grade: Jake Daugherty, Will Hollingsworth, Cyndi Tush

Seventh grade: Thaddeus Eaglin, Bernadette Wismann, Beth Zigan

Sixth grade: Elana Hollingsworth, Lakota Vincent, Chris Woodruff

Calendar of Events:

Monday, October 29th	National Theatre – Grades K-6 ~ <i>Showdown at Resource Ranch</i>
Saturday, November 3rd	5th and 6th grade Speech Meet @ OA
Sunday, November 4th	Time Change – time to fall back
Wednesday, November 7th	eLearning Day – Early dismissal; no bus service. Students will be released at 12:35 p.m.
Friday, November 9th	Midterm Ends
Thursday, November 15	Midterm Reports sent home
November 21 – 23	No School – Thanksgiving Break