

The Bulldog Barks November 2, 2018

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

brookbank.science@mystmarys.com

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.

There will be NO After School Care on Friday, November 9th. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Saint of the Month

St. Francis of Assisi



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.

Night of Prayer

Join us as we place our prayer requests at the foot of the cross. St. Mary's Church Monday, November 19th from 7 – 8:30.

We welcome parishioners, parents, students and the community to join us in a night of prayer and worship at St. Mary's Church. Our beloved school is in financial hardships. We want to pour out our hearts in prayer to ask God to stir the hearts of many to keep the doors of St. Mary's School open. Through worship, we will be giving all the Glory to God. We serve a mighty God who can work miracles through prayer. Let's flood the heavens and be bold in our ask!

We would also like to encourage people to start praying the Novena leading up to the night of prayer.

STO Veterans Day program

Our Student Teacher Organization will hold a Veterans Day prayer service in church on Friday afternoon, November 9th 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 mcpherson.1@mystmarys.com.

There will be NO After School Care on Friday, November 9th. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Connie Powers, CRE

connie.powers@mystmarys.com

Confirmation Retreat will be on Saturday, November 17th at Camp River Ridge. Information and forms have been sent home. Forms and fee are due by Sunday, November 11th .

Family Formation Night: Mary: The Yes that Changed the World.

Saturday, December 8th at 6 p.m.; after the 5 p.m. mass. All are invited to participate. Dinner and activities will be provided.

St. Mary's Spirit Wear shirts

We have a couple of people that want to order additional t-shirts. These are the blue t-shirts with Celebrate St. Mary's logo on the front and "A Legacy of Excellence" on the back. The shirts we all wore in the Farmer's Fair parade! If you would like a shirt please contact the school office by Friday, November 16th. Shirts are \$12.00/each. Checks are to be made payable to: Sew What Embroidery

Basketball Shirts

The shirts that were passed out to the boys yesterday need to have some work done on them (some of the lettering on some of the shirts started peeling off). Will you also add that if they dry the shirts they should use it on a cool cycle. Please return the shirts you ordered to school on Monday and we will have them fixed and returned ASAP. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Catholic Schools Week Preparation

Our S.T.O. has concluded a coin drop as a fundraiser to help us bring a special science program to St. Mary's for Catholic Schools week at the end of January. We raised about half of what we need to be able to make a contract with the presenter. If you would like to help with a monetary donation, please contact Ann in the office.

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

amy.denning@mystmarys.com

In Phonics we will be working with new letter Rr-keyword-rabbit. We will be working with compound words and syllables. We will add two new words to our "Pop-up" list: **go, and**. We will get reader #4, "Frog Ran". Please have your child practice blending and reading high-frequency words to you each night. That is the best way to help them become fluent readers.

In math we will continue our work with counting money, time to the hour, and we will work with AB and ABB patterns. We will be using some new items- geoboards and geobands, to make and copy shapes. These are always fun tools that the class enjoys using.

Our first Show-n-Tell begins on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Our first letter is Ll.

The class enjoyed their Halloween party this week. Thank you to all who sent in treats. Special thanks to Jessica Wismann for coming in to help. (continued next page)

We have an early dismissal day on Wednesday, November 7th. If picking up at the KDG room, please be there by 12:25 p.m.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

mcperson.1@mystmarys.com

A huge thanks to all of the parents for contributing to our Halloween Party. Thanks again to Mrs. McGraw for organizing fun games and a craft! The 1st graders had a wonderful time!

In Music the students are beginning to practice their Christmas songs for the Primary Christmas Program on December 5th! It's hard to believe that the program is only one month away!

Our first e-learning packet will go home on Wednesday, November 7th (early dismissal day).

Remember, the word will be due by Friday, November 9th.

We do have a spelling test this week! Remember to study!

Grade 2 & 3 – Mrs. Grove

annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com

We are getting used to sharing a classroom and teacher. The teacher thinks it is fun! We cannot thank Mrs. Hollander, Mrs. Ryan, and Mrs. Wismann enough for the fabulous Halloween party they threw for us.

We had Halloween themed science lessons this week on why pumpkins are orange, the most dangerous animal in the world, and why skeletons have so many bones.

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com

Tuesday is the big day for our first book report project. Students will be sharing their projects in class. I look forward to seeing their projects and hearing about their books. The next book students read must be nonfiction. Many students enjoy the *Who was...* and *What was...* books.

Students have been learning about persuasive writing. We are practicing some shorter writing pieces before students begin their larger Christmas persuasive letter on their own.

Third graders are adjusting well to being with the fourth graders. They have been reading a story about a mysterious giant from Italy. They need to continue to practice their vocabulary words for the test coming up.

Please read the information under Mr. Waldon's section, regarding the Lessons and Carols service.

Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

leslie.baker@mystmarys.com

Thank you to everyone who brought in treats and food for our Halloween party. It was much appreciated! Also, thank you to Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Wismann for the fun spider craft and game. We had a great time!

We are continuing our chapter over division in math. We will start dividing by two digit numbers this week. Practicing our facts really helps us when dividing! In reading, we are beginning our unit over tall tales. We will be reading four different tales this week and ending our unit creating our own. Have a great week!

Please read the information under Mr. Waldon's section, regarding the Lessons and Carols service.

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

suzy.rice@mystmarys.com

Good luck to the speech team on Saturday.

The midterm is next Friday already! Midterms will go home on November 15th. The students have been reminded how quickly the 2nd quarter goes with Thanksgiving break. November book reports are due by the end of November and by the middle of the month if they want Mr. Waldon to proofread it and be able to make corrections.

The 6th grade has a science test on Tuesday. They will complete a study guide today. There will be math tests for the 6th and 7th grades soon, Nov. 9-16.

November 9th at 1:55 p.m. the STO is having a Veteran's Day Prayer Service in church. Please join us.

Please read the information under Mr. Waldon's section, regarding the Lessons and Carols service.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

kim.rector@mystmarys.com

My first week upstairs has flown by! I appreciate everyone making me feel welcome and helping out during the transition.

6th grade - We began our study of the physical geography of Europe and Russia. We will continue next week and move on how history influenced their current culture.

7th grade - The physical geography of Africa is the topic of discussion if the seventh grade. We will study the history of Africa next.

8th grade - The eighth graders worked on presentations about some of the acts passed by Great Britain that angered the colonists. We have a better understanding of what led the colonists to want their freedom. We will continue to study the time leading up to the Revolutionary War next week.

Please read the information under Mr. Waldon's section, regarding the Lessons and Carols service.

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

jim.waldon@mystmarys.com

Our class trip fundraising efforts are in full swing, but we haven't sold many raffle tickets this week. Every sale counts!

We are currently taking orders for pumpkin cake rolls until November 5th. Rolls are \$11.00 each with nuts and \$9.00 each without nuts. This is a great way to offer a homemade treat without all the work, and pumpkin rolls make a nice gift, as well. Orders must be in by this Monday, October 5th. Pick-up for pumpkin cake rolls will be on Wednesday, November 21st from 5-8 P.M. in the school cafeteria. Contact any eighth grader, and thanks to Ellen Bruce for organizing this project!

Thanks, too, to Margie Metz for organizing our Chipotle class trip fundraiser this past Tuesday. It was a big success, and we're grateful to Chipotle for the opportunity and to all who supported us!

This week 7th and 8th graders prayed the Glorious 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're trying a new computer program for language arts skills in grades 7 & 8 and will possibly introduce the program to 6th graders, too. Freckle offers opportunities for students to build on skills at an individual's pace and to prepare for standardized testing. Also, thanks to Mrs. Rector for arranging the STAR tests for our students!

God bless.

Lessons and Carols

Our annual Lessons and Carols service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5th in our church. **This is a required activity for all students in grades four through eight.** Anyone who does not participate will be assigned a research project appropriate for the student's grade level. Students in grades four and five must wear a St. Mary's School uniform for the service.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

brookbank.science@mystmarys.com

We are finishing our first section on photosynthesis. We completed the lab on the basic structures of a green plant on Tuesday. A pre-test was completed focusing on photosynthesis at the molecular level. We tested on Friday, results will be discussed on Monday. November 5th we will begin a lab on the concepts of concentration of chemicals and the relationship to using solutions in our society.

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.

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

November – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

The Kindergarteners have chosen St. Francis Xavier Cabrini for our November saint. Her saint day is November 13th. She is the patron of immigrants and hospital administrators.

Frances Xavier Cabrini MSC (Italian: Francesca Saverio Cabrini; July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917, died at age 67), also called Mother Cabrini, was an Italian-American religious sister, who founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a Catholic religious institute that was a major support to the Italian immigrants to the United States. She was the first naturalized citizen of the United States to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church, on July 7, 1946.

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:

11/05 – Pat Scharf, 11/06 – Marge Beinkemper, 11/07 – Marge Waldon, 11/08 – Help Needed, 11/09 – Monica Ramsey, 11/12 – Diane Peters, 11/13 – Help Needed, 11/14 – Marge Waldon, 11/15 – Help Needed, 11/16 – Monica Ramsey, 11/19 – Pat Scharf, 11/20 - Marge Beinkemper, 11/26 – Help Needed, 11/27 – Help Needed, 11/28 – Marge Waldon, 11/29 – Help Needed, 11/30 – Monica Ramsey

Playground Volunteers:

11/05 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 11/06 – Help Needed, 11/07 – Help Needed, 11/08 – Chris Strzok, 11/09 – Chris Strzok, 11/12 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 11/13 – Help Needed, 11/14 – Help Needed, 11/15 – Chris Strzok, 11/16 – Chris Strzok, 11/19 – Bernadine/Carlyn, 11/20 – Help Needed, 11/26 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 11/27 – Help Needed, 11/28 – Help Needed, 11/29 – Chris Strzok, 11/30 – Chris Strzok

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6	7	8	9
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk	Petite Chicken Strips Corn Buttered Noodles Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks w/ Dip Fruit Milk	Hot Ham & Cheese Vegetable Soup Carrots Fruit Milk

Miracle on Main Street – Sunday, November 25th

A fun day is being planned for Sunday, November 25th in downtown Aurora at the City Building located at 235 Main Street. Starting at 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., will be the Bethlehem Experience. There will be crafts, fun activities, and refreshments for the whole family. The Christmas parade starts at 6 p.m., which concludes with Santa and Mrs. Clause coming to town. The evening ends with the lighting of the Christmas tree, treats, visits and pictures with Santa in the Lion’s Club. Hope you can attend this exciting community event!



St. Mary's School
 211 Fourth Street
 Aurora, Indiana 47001
 812-926-1558
www.mystmarys.com

Bob Brookbank, Principal	brookbank.science@mystmarys.com
Beth Legge, President – School Commission	beth@mccabesflowers.com
Randy Dennis, Vice President - School Commission	sdrdennis@hotmail.com
Michelle Ryan, PTO President	michelle51703@yahoo.com
Ann Hutchinson, Administrative Assistant	ann.hutchinson@mystmarys.com

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 11/01/2018:	15 Donations	\$9,000 raised	\$391,00 remaining
-------------------	--------------	----------------	--------------------

Current Progress

1. There will be an announcement at each mass the weekend of November 9th and 10th. Additionally, we will have a student reading their essay on why like/love St. Mary's at each mass.
2. Donation cards will be in the pews this weekend.
3. Currently working on finalizing donation letters for parishioners, Alumni and business owners.
4. Ellen Bruce and Laurie Fisher are gathering Alumni addresses. So if you are contacted, please provide them with updated mailing addresses.
5. Beth McCabe will work on radio advertising with Eagle Country (we have a few spots paid for that we will be utilizing).

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.

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!

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.

Bountiful God,
We come together in gratitude
For your generations of blessings to us at St. Mary's.
Mindful always of your abundant love,
In which we already possess all that we need.

We ask you:
Open our eyes and hearts to your will for the future of this place.
Stir up our passion, courage, and commitment for the work ahead.
Keep us respectful of one another, all who join us in this effort,
And all who – for whatever reason – may not take up the invitation.
Let zeal for your house consume us,
Not for our glory, but Yours,
Not for pride in leadership but for joy in service,
Not for monuments of brick and mortar but for a legacy of faith.
Remind us that without you we can do nothing,
And with you, nothing is impossible.

We make our prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ,
Through your indwelling Holy Spirit.

Amen.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#WELOVESTMARYS

Speech Team

Several 5th and 6th grade students participated in the Speech Meet on Saturday, November 3rd at Oldenburg Academy. All students received either red (2nd place) or blue (1st place) ribbons this weekend.

Serious- Laura Dennis, Eleanor Eaglin, Maddie Ryan

Humorous- Elana Hollingsworth, Alahna Beinkemper, Rachel Cigolotti

Duet- Bailey McGraw and Norah Haverkos, Christine Strzok and Adam Dennis

School Choir

Thank you to students in grades 6 - 8 and the choir doing nice job singing at the funeral this past Wednesday for Tom Fredroff. This is part of what St. Mary's students do for parish community.

Our school choir has been asked to provide entertainment for the Lion's Club on December 4th.

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:

Saturday, November 3rd	5th and 6th grade Speech Meet @ OA
Sunday, November 4th	Time Change – time to fall back 1 hour
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
Saturday, November 17th	Confirmation Retreat (Grades 7 &8)
November 21 – 23	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, December 5th	Primary Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m. (Grades K-3) Lessons and Carols service at 7 p.m. (Grades 4-8)
Wednesday, December 19th	2Q ends
Thursday, December 20th, 2018 - Wednesday, January 2, 2019	Christmas Break – No School
Thursday, January 3rd	School Resumes