

## The Bulldog Barks April 5, 2019

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### Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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We will have an early release on Wednesday, April 10th. Students will be released at 12:35 p.m.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has a website regarding Lent. On this site you will find a variety of pages and features to help you immerse yourself in the Season of Lent and prepare for the celebration of Easter. Go to: [www.archindy.org/lent](http://www.archindy.org/lent)

### Saint of the Month

St. Catherine of Siena



### Keep the Doors Open - Sustainability Meeting

Lyndsay Hays will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. Various issues/items will be discussed, including fundraising, marketing, student recruitment, etc. If you have any questions, please call Lyndsay at 812-907-0312 (cell).

### Voucher Program

If you are a current voucher recipient, please **send in a copy of your 2018 tax returns** for next school year.

Does your family qualify for a voucher? If you are not sure, call the office or just send in a copy of your taxes and we will let you know if you qualify. You never know, until you ask!

### ILEARN (Grades 3 - 8)

ILEARN testing is scheduled for the week of April 22nd through May 17, 2019.

\*\*Please do not schedule any appointments or vacations during these dates. I apologize for any inconvenience. All of this testing is state mandated and does impact our schools rating. \*\*\*

### Information regarding ILEARN (Grades 3 – 8):

ILEARN measures student achievement and growth according to Indiana Academic Standards. ILEARN is the summative accountability assessment for Indiana students and assesses:

- English/Language Arts (Grades 3-8)
- Mathematics (Grades 3-8)
- Science (Grades 4 and 6)
- Social Studies (Grade 5)
- Biology (High School)

Visit their website at: [www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families](http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families)

### PTO – Fish Fry

We are gearing up for Fish Fry #4 this week. We had a good week last week and so many volunteers!!! Thank you so much for signing up and showing up. We are pretty good for this week and have most spots filled, only need one more for Carry Out serve line in the school cafeteria, and one more for school kitchen (cooking and dishwasher). So if you are still looking to sign up and get your volunteer hours in, there are plenty of openings on Fish Fry #5, Good Friday April 19th from 4 p.m.- 7:30. The link is below:

<https://signup.com/go/iSAdeaA>

**Desserts:** There have been plenty of servings and lots of variety so far, so keep it up! Assigned classes for this week April 5th are:

- Kindergarten
- 2nd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 7th Grade

As always, please call, text, or email with any problems, questions or suggestions. (859-240-9390 cell)

Thanks for volunteering,

Michelle Ryan

PTO President

### **Celebrate St. Mary's**

Save the Date! Celebrate St. Mary's will be on Saturday, April 27th at Dearborn Country Club. We sent home information and dinner tickets, with the youngest child of each family on Friday, April 5th! Please join us for a fun, kid free night out! **Tickets are due by Thursday, April 18th.** We need to give the Country Club the number of people in attendance by Friday, April 19th. Seating is limited, so purchased your tickets early!

If you would like to sit with certain people, please include a note when you send in your payment.

Dinner tickets can purchase from any St. Mary's student, school office or the parish office.

Raffle tickets can be purchased in the school office, parish office, McCabe's Greenhouse (Lawrenceburg), Personally Yours (Aurora) or Tedesco's Hair Repair (Moores Hill).

### **St. Mary's MUSICAL!!!!**

Linda Rehtin has created a play about the history of St. Mary's and has started to work with students in grades 1 – 8. The play is scheduled for Friday, May 10th at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the Activity Center!

1. Thanks to all who helped out during Spring Break, painting the sets for our musical! It went very well.
2. We are now needing to start on costumes. Anyone interested, please contact Linda Rehtin or the school office.
3. The show will be cast this week so most students should know what their part is.
4. We are in need of a videographer to video the show. Please contact the school if you or someone you know can help with this very important item! We are thinking that since this is about the history of St. Mary's it would be included in our archives!

The musical **is 5 weeks from today** so please encourage your student(s) to study their song sheets!

Thanks to all parents in advance for all of your help! A show like this is impossible without you!!

Linda Rehtin

Director

## 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](mailto:mcpherson.1@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.



## Adopt a Soldier

Our Army Reserve alumnus, Morgan Wolfer, has been deployed. We plan to send many letters to her and her fellow soldiers. We also would like to send care packages that she can share. If anyone would like to donate to her care packages, please send the items to the 2nd/3rd grade room anytime during this school year.

### Care Package Suggestions

Gum, Lifesavers, mints, *sunflower seeds (Morgan really likes these!)*, trail mix, protein bars, beef jerky, single serving bags of chips, powdered drink mixes for individual water bottles, playing cards, DVD's, **baby wipes (very popular)** hand sanitizer, Chapstick, peanut butter cups, Rice Crispy treats, Band-Aids, board games, air fresheners, Little Debbie's, Frisbee, Nerf football, inspirational readings.

### Cannot be Shipped or Accepted

Home-baked goods, glass bottles or jars, aerosol cans or sprays, expired food, canned food, lighters, matches or lighter fluid, hotel samples, VHS tapes, hard cover books and music.

## Pull for Ronald McDonald House Charities



Recycled beverage tabs help support local Ronald McDonald House program, a temporary "home-away-from-home" for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.

There is a can by the front door of school, with the Ronald McDonald logo on it. Please bring in your beverage tabs and put them in the can.

## Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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We have an **Early Dismissal** day on Wednesday, April 10th. We will dismiss at 12:35 p.m. If picking up at the room, please be there by 12:20 p.m.

We would like to welcome our new student, Aleigha, to the Kindergarten room! The class is very excited to have a new classmate.

In Phonics this week, we will be working with the two sounds for vowel digraph **oo**- keywords- **h<sup>oo</sup>ok**(short), and **t<sup>oo</sup>th**(long). We will get Reader #13, "*Look Who Can Cook*", and we will add "pop-up" words **there** and **who** to our list. Please practice reading the "pop-up" words on a regular basis. Thanks for your help at home.

In math we will be identifying and giving the value for quarters and dollars, we will also begin counting by 2's to 100. Practice at home is always appreciated.

Thank you to the Aurora Lion's Club for presenting the Magic Show about Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling. It was an educational and entertaining show the children enjoyed. Have a wonderful week!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson****[mcperson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com)**

In Phonics we are reading and spelling words containing **trigraph tch** (as in patch), **trigraph dge** (as in bridge) and the two sounds of **digraph ie** (as in pie and shield).

In Math we are continuing to position numbers on a place value chart and we are practicing how to add three single-digit numbers together. We are also identifying geometric solids and using comparison symbols (>, <, =).

**Grade 2 and Grade 3 – Mrs. Grove****[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)**

Greetings from Iowa! I'm babysitting my 2 yr old grandson while his parents are busy delivering and bonding with their new son. Be back Monday. Miss my kids!

**Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer****[amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com](mailto:amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com)**

Third and fourth graders will be ready for their reading test on Tuesday. Third grade read a realistic fiction story called, *Two Days in May*. Fourth graders read a biography about Lou Gehrig. When students study, they should be rereading the story and reviewing the vocabulary words. As students finish their book report projects, please let me know if you have any questions. Projects are due Friday, April 12. They will share them in class.

Students will continue using fractions in math. They will practice problems using multiples, probability, and finding part of a number. Chapter 9 Test will be Friday. We will review Thursday.

Remember to keep practicing the songs for the upcoming musical!

**Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker****[leslie.baker@mystmarys.com](mailto:leslie.baker@mystmarys.com)**

It's hard to believe Spring Break is over! We are busy in fifth grade! Fifth graders are creating their own poems to end our poetry unit. We will host a poetry cafe` for the younger grades to come listen to our poems. We have some amazing poets in our class!

In math we are finishing our chapter on probability and graphing. We will have a test later this week. Please check your child's assignment book for the test date. In science we have been learning about plant and animal adaptations, and acquired characteristics. Next, we will study behaviors that help animals survive. We are concentrating on the New England colonies and why they were established in social studies. Have a great week!

**Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice****[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)**

The musical is going well! Students need to be working on the words to the songs. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade have started robotics. Check out the pictures on St. Mary's School facebook page.

Next Wednesday is an early dismissal day. There is no school on Good Friday, April 19.

The April book report is due by April 31st. The May book report is due by May 17th.

CYO Camp is May 13th and 14th. The fee is due by May 10th. Make checks payable to St. Mary's School. If you have any questions, please send in a note or send me an email.

**Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector****[kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com)**

It has been a crazy week since we have come back from spring break. Last Tuesday, the entire school enjoyed the Wild Science program made possible by a grant from the Aurora Lions Club. The sixth through eighth graders are working in teams to create robots using the EV3 Mindstorm Lego Robotics program provided by the Purdue Extension Office through a grant from the Dearborn Community Program. They will finish next week and be able to share their work with the younger classes. We also moved the Way of the Cross to Thursday at 10:45. Feel free to join us at the same time the next two weeks as we reflect on the sacrifices Jesus made for us.

Even though we have been busy, we have continued our studies in class. The sixth graders are learning about Russia and the other Eurasian Republics. The seventh graders are studying the modern history of Northern Africa and Southeastern Asia. The eighth graders are taking a closer look at what happened after the Constitution was ratified. It was not smooth sailing just because the war was over! Have a terrific week!

**Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon****[jim.waldon@mystmarys.com](mailto:jim.waldon@mystmarys.com)**

Thanks to Aurora Lions Club for funding our “Wild Science: Trash Magic” program this past Tuesday. We learned a lot and had a wonderful time! Thanks, also, to Purdue Cooperative Extension (and to Mrs. Rice) for making our robotics projects possible this week and next. The students’ personalities and creativity reveal themselves in a most enlightening way!

If you have pictures which we can use for our graduation slide show, you may submit them directly to Ellen Bruce, or send them to school where we’ll scan them and send them to Ellen. Please do this as soon as possible.

Remember our Chipotle fundraiser tomorrow, Saturday, the 6th between 5 and 9 P.M. Mention St. Mary’s to help us earn money toward our class trip! Remember that final payments are due on April 30th. By that time we will know how we did with our raffle, the Chipotle fundraiser, and fish fry soda sales.

Sixth graders have started to work on their Main Street Aurora essays. Each student may choose to write about one of Aurora’s early citizens of influence: Jesse Holman, Mary Stratton, or Thomas Gaff. Parents are encouraged to check out the essay requirements detailed on a handout given to each student. Seventh and eighth graders practiced and gave speeches introducing themselves this past week and will conclude the public speaking exercise this next week. We have some great future orators!

We will raffle our Amazon Echo Dot on April 12th. Chances are \$1 each and are available through the school office and from the 8th graders.

All sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are expected to keep their E-Learning folders in their backpacks unless they are specifically working on the assignments. It is much easier to keep all students up on work if their folders are accessible to them when they are at home and are accessible to the teachers and students when they are at school.

God bless!

**CHOIR and BELL CHOIR NOTICE:**

We have completed our schedule for the 2018/19 school year and are devoting ourselves to preparation for our musical. (We will not ring or sing on May 11th.) However, school choir members are welcome to join the parish choir to sing at the Good Friday Liturgy at 3:00 P.M. on the 19th. We’ll warm up in the 8th grade room at 2:30 p.m.

## 7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes have been introduced to the second type of cell division, meiosis. We will master the phases of meiosis and the intricate steps that define why each of us are different concerning our DNA. We will slightly investigate genetic disorders in the 7th and delve deeper in the 8th. Both classes will perform an authentic karyotype of a human genetic match. The 8th will take this lab a few steps further into detail than the 7th.

## Connie Powers – D.R.E.

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### 2 for 1!

1. St. Mary is now using Flocknote to get information to the ‘flock’. By signing on to Flocknote the Parish will be able to have a current email and text list to contact parishioners. Ministries in our parish will be able to group their members and send out notices when they need to. Group members will also be able to respond back to the group leader as well. We ask all parish members to join so that we can have an accurate list. A flyer has been attached with how to enroll. You may unsubscribe at any time.
2. By enrolling you will receive Bishop Barron’s 2019 Lenten texts and emails. These are daily inspirational quotes and teachings to assist you through lent. You will also have access to his Engage Online program giving you access to all his studies and teachings! Such programs as Catholicism 101, Evil and Suffering and ‘Who Is Jesus?’ to name a few.

We hope you take the time to enroll and experience the Engage program this Lenten season.

### Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at [www.mytmarys.com](http://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 4 – 5

11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 3

12:00 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

#### Recess:

11 – 11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 3

11:55 – 12:20 a.m. – Grades 4 – 5

12:25 – 12:45 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

### Cafeteria and Playground hours:

**Cafe:** First lunch is served at 11:15 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:

04/08 – Diane Peters, 04/09 – Charlotte DeVille, 04/10 – Marge Waldon, 04/11 – Jill Zigan, 04/12 – Monica Ramsey, 04/15 – Pat Scharf, 04/16 – Marge Beinkemper, 04/17 – Marge Waldon, 04/18 – Jill Zigan, 04/22 – Diane Peters, 04/23 – Charlotte DeVille, 04/24 – Marge Waldon, 04/25 – Jill Zigan, 04/26 – Monica Ramsey, 04/29 – Pat Scharf, 04/30 – Marge Beinkemper

**Playground Volunteers:**

04/08 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 04/09 – HELP NEEDED, 04/10 – Randi McGraw,  
 04/11 – HELP NEEDED, 04/12 – Carolyn Robers, 04/15 – Carolyn/Bernadine,  
 04/16 – HELP NEEDED, 04/17 – Randi McGraw, 04/18 – HELP NEEDED,  
 04/22 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 04/23 – HELP NEEDED, 04/24 – Randi McGraw,  
 04/25 – HELP NEEDED, 04/26 – Carolyn Robers, 04/29 – Carolyn/Bernadine,  
 04/30 - HELP NEEDED

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	9 Chicken Patty with Bun Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	10 French Toast Sticks Steak Fries O.J. cups Milk	11 Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	12 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Carrots Crackers Fruit Milk



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As of 04/05/2019:

\$706,630.20 raised

### **Current Progress:**

1. Mr. Brookbank, Finance Committee and various other individuals are assessing if we can offer cafeteria next year.
  - Mr. Brookbank has submitted an application for the Walmart Community Grant. We received a check for \$500 this week!
2. Bob, Ann, and Mollie are working on the budget for next year. Once the details of the budget are finalized, Fr. Steve, Finance Committee and Archdiocese will need to approve the budget.
3. Registration Packets for next year - As soon as the budget is approved, we can send out information to current and potential families. Keep sending in names of people we can call to see if they are interested in sending their child(ren) to St. Mary's next year. Also let them know that they can call the office to schedule a tour at any time!

### **Sustainability Meeting**

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# Calendar of Events:

Friday, April 5th	Fish Fry 4 of 5
Saturday, April 6th	8th Grade Fundraiser at Chipotle
Wednesday, April 10th	Early Release – Students will be released at 12:35 p.m.
Thursday, April 11th	Sustainability Meeting – 6 p.m. in school cafeteria
Thursday, April 18th	4Q Midterm
Friday, April 19th	Fish Fry – 5 of 5
Thursday, April 25th	4Q Midterm Reports
Saturday, April 27th	Celebrate St. Mary’s at Dearborn Country Club
Friday, May 3rd	Oldenburg Academy – Picnic for all incoming Freshman from 5 – 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 5th	1st Communion Mass at 11 a.m.
Monday, May 6th – Friday, May 10th	Teacher Appreciation Week
Friday, May 10th	St. Mary’s Musical – 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Activity Center
Monday, May 13 – Friday, May 17th	8th Grade Class Trip
Monday, May 13th – Tuesday, May 14th	CYO Camp – 6th and 7th grade students
Wednesday, May 22th	End of 4Q
Wednesday, May 22nd	Kindergarten End of Year Celebration at 1 p.m.
Wednesday, May 22nd	8th grade graduation at 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 23rd	Last Student Day! – Grades 1 – 7