

The Bulldog Barks May 3, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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A huge thank you to all who donated, helped organize and attended Celebrate St. Mary's! Once again, the night was fun and successful. A second HUGE thank you to all who helped with the five fish fry's. The spirit of volunteerism is amazing at St. Mary's! Events like the two I have mentioned reaffirms my decision to be your principal. St. Mary's is a great institution to be a part of!

State testing with the I-LEARN grades 3-8 are in progress and running smoothly. The 6th, 7th and 8th have completed their testing. The 3rd, 4th and 5th will finish on May 8th.

Randy Dennis and I completed two separate grants covering costs of the new roof for the Activity Center and technology improvements. Pray that the archdiocese awards these grants to St. Mary's. I will receive word from the archdiocese in June concerning our success in receiving the grants.

Saint of the Month

St. Joseph the Worker

Kindergarten:

Indiana's kindergarten eligibility rules will change for the 2019-20 school year.

The law signed Monday by Gov. Eric Holcomb says a child who turns five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019, will be eligible to apply for kindergarten. Previously, a child had to turn five by Aug. 1.

Additionally, a child turns five between August 2 and September 1 is eligible to apply for kindergarten or pre-K but not both.

PTO Meeting

The last PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria:

- Recap of the 2018/2019 school year
- Uniform Exchange (over the summer)
- Restructuring of PTO
- Open House for 2019/2020

This is the same night as the play practice, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.



Keep the Doors Open - Sustainability Meeting

The first meeting was held on Thursday, April 11th. Various issues/items were discussed, including fundraising, marketing, student recruitment, etc.

The following Officers were appointed:

- Lyndsay Hays – President
- Emily Hollander – Vice President
- Jamie Ruter – Treasurer
- Ellen Bruce – Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you are interested in being a part of this group or have any questions, please call Lyndsay at 812-907-0312 (cell).

Registration Packets for next year

Please send in your registration packets for next year!

We are revising the Parent/Student Handbook, so that was not included in the packet you receive. We provide a copy to each family at the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year. Please review, complete and sign the registration information and return to school office ASAP.

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!

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.

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)

Visit their website at: www.doe.in.gov/assessment/ilearn-families

Lenten Mission Boxes – Mrs. Grove

Attention!!!

Please send your Lenten Mission Boxes to school so that we may mail our donations together. If you have misplaced your box, put your money in an envelope or baggie and bring it in!

Celebrate St. Mary's

Everyone had a great time at Celebrate St. Mary's this past Saturday at Dearborn Country Club.

Mr. Waldon spoke on behalf of St. Mary's in presenting Mrs. Grove with two gifts. The first, was a hand painted tile (from the roof of the church), with a picture of crucifix that is behind the alter in church, painted on it. This original piece of art was created by Marge Beinkemper. The second gift, was a custom embroidered blanket that had:

Ann Marie
Your St. Mary's family loves you.

Thank you to everyone that made a donation, our sponsors, volunteers and everyone that attended this great event. As soon as we have all the invoices from various vendors, we will let you know how we did.

St. Mary's "The Musical" !!!!

Linda Rehtin has created a play about the history of St. Mary's and is working 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!

WE NEED A SOMEONE TO VIDEO TAPE THE SHOW!!! If you or someone you know can help us, please call Linda Rehtin at 513-560-8006

- Students in grades 1 – 3 need to arrive at school by 6 p.m. and report to their classrooms.
- Students in grades 4 – 8 need to arrive by 5:30 p.m. and report to their classrooms.
- We ask that parents stay in the cafeteria and let the teachers get students prepared for the play.
- We will have extended After School Care for this day.
 - Please let us know if you would like your child(ren) to stay from the end of the school day, until they need to be at school for the play. Call the office or send an email to ann.hutchinson@mystmarys.com.
 - If we have enough people interested, we can order from Subway or a pizza for the students that are staying. You would need to pay \$5.00 for After School Care and an additional amount for food.
- Seating is limited to 250 people. We anticipate that the 6:30 p.m. will sell out! So get there early!
- We ask that "younger" attendees sit on the metal bleachers.
- Tickets will also be sold at the door. They are \$5.00/each.
- Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. We will begin selling tickets for the 6:30 p.m. show at that time.
- Once the show is over, we ask that everyone leave the Activity Center.
- We will then begin selling tickets for the 8 p.m. show.

There will be a play practice on Wednesday, May 8th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. This will allow the students to practice with a live band!

Ask your child(ren) if they still need something for their costumes.

Musical Practices - May 6 - 10 – the week of the show!

The basic musical costume is the yellow "WE DID IT" shirts and khaki shorts/pants, no navy polo. Shorts are ok because it will be hot.

- Monday: dress rehearsal 12:30-2:15 p.m.
- Tuesday: dress rehearsal 12:30-2:15 p.m.
- Wednesday: Pix in costumes 12:30 p.m. for individuals and groups
 - 1:00 p.m. – picture of the entire group
 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Rehearsal with band for those who can come
- Thursday: Rehearsal with band, probably in costume
- Friday: Run through, probably in costume

It's going to be a great show! Invite all your friends and neighbors and especially alumni!
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.

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.

Morgan Wolfer is finally out of Syria and to her final destination where our letters and packages were waiting for her. She was so appreciative and thanked us. Thank you to all the families that supported her and her fellow troops. Let's send another batch before the end of the school year! Send your goodies to the 2/3rd grade room please.

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**amy.denning@mystmarys.com**

In Phonics next week we will begin learning the rule- **vc'/cv**; in words with two vowel sounds, we must separate the vowels into syllables before we code them. (Syllable division rule). We will also review combinations (ar, or, er) and get reader # 15, “Eight is the Best Number”.

In math we will be identifying and making symmetrical designs. (Having an imaginary line, so that the parts on both sides are alike.) We will also review the identification and value of coins, count money, and work with addition and subtraction story problems

If you haven’t already done so, please return the sheet for our last day celebration. I need to get numbers to our room parent to make sure we have enough snacks/drinks for everyone.

We will be reciting the *Hail Mary* during the month of May, Mary’s month. We are practicing at school, but extra help at home would be appreciated.

It’s hard to believe that we have less than 20 days of school!

Have a fabulous week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**mcperson.1@mystmarys.com**

The first graders will be doing the readings during School Mass on Wednesday, May 8th. A big thanks to Mrs. Vincent for helping the students prepare for this Mass!

For the remainder of the school year we will be reviewing all the sounds we have learned this year in Phonics. New little readers will continue to come home each week. Please have your child read their readers until they have mastered each word.

We have reached our final story in our yellow readers! We will have a test on our story and list of reading words on Friday!

Remember that our school’s musical is on Friday, May 10th! The 1st graders will be wearing their yellow “WE DID IT” t-shirts and khaki shorts or skirts.

Grade 2 and Grade 3 – Mrs. Grove**annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com**

Second and third grades are both in the throes of testing this week and next. Third grade is being tested on English/Language Arts and Math. Second is testing on Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. We know they will do well. They are a smart bunch of students.

In the middle of all this testing, the second graders will be making their First Communion this Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. mass. Please keep them in your prayers that they will always be as enthusiastic about knowing our God as they are now.

Our chicks should start hatching Wednesday. We will have just enough time to play with them before the school year ends. They will get too big and start flying out of their box about the same time we leave for the summer. Then the Ryan family will take them home to grow up and roost! Thank you, Ryans for letting us experience their hatching.

Finally, at the end of next week, we will perform our musical. The second and third grades are so excited and proud to be included. We have been practicing a ton. Mrs. Rehtin, the writer and director, is a miracle worker!

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com**

Third and fourth graders will continue ILEARN testing next week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning. After testing is over, students will continue working on their research report or project. Students will also be starting a novel on Thursday. Third graders will be reading *Encyclopedia Brown Super Sleuth* and fourth graders will be reading either *Among the Hidden* or *Dear Mr. Henshaw*.

Don’t forget the musical is Friday, May 10th. Each student has an important part in the musical. I can’t wait to see it! Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker**leslie.baker@mystmarys.com**

Fifth graders will continue ILEARN testing this week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings. Please make sure students are eating a good breakfast and getting to bed on time. Trying our best is our goal throughout these weeks of testing. We also have a busy week with the musical. Students should have their yellow shirts at school. We still have a few missing from our class. Please bring them in as soon as possible. Hope to see many of you at the musical on Friday!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**suzy.rice@mystmarys.com**

Now that the grades I teach have finished testing, we have a lot of academic work to do this next week! Sharpen those pencils.

CYO money is due May 10. Camp is May 13 and 14!

The musical is really coming together. You won't want to miss it. The students voices are great. They sound as good as a show choir! The costumes will be finished soon, too.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector**kim.rector@mystmarys.com**

We were finally able to finish the ILEARN testing in the upper grades. Some of the younger classes are still testing next week, but for us it is back to business as usual for us. The sixth grade is finishing the chapter on Russia and will be doing research on the relationship between the United State and Russia throughout history. The seventh grade are continuing their study of India. The eighth grade is learning about the fight to keep our country united and the reasons for the Civil War, as well as what happened after the war. We have a lot to cover before they take off on their class trip and 6th and 7th head to CYO camp!

We are rehearsing for the musical every afternoon next week. Pictures will be taken on Wednesday. There is also an evening rehearsal with the band from 6-8 on Wednesday for those who can attend. Hopefully you will be able to join us for the 6:30 or 8:00 PM show on Friday, May 10. You will not be disappointed!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon**jim.waldon@mystmarys.com**

Join us for Mass this coming Wednesday, hosted by our first graders. Our second grade first communicants will join their guardian angels in honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary during our entrance procession at Mass.

Thanks to everyone who helped make Celebrate St. Mary's such a great success! We are so grateful for the hard work of Krista Hensley, Randi McGraw, Kerrie Ohlmansiek and Ann Hutchinson for organizing the event, and we are indebted to Sharon Grove, Trina Hetzer, and Margie Metz for their amazing creativity in directing the class art projects. Congratulations to our honoree, Ann Marie Grove for her exemplary dedication to St. Mary's School!

We were glad to have Marge Waldon come to talk to the eighth grade on Wednesday after we finished *No Promises in the Wind*. The story was set in the Great Depression, and the students had a chance to hear first-hand what life was like for Mrs. Waldon in the 1930s. She explained how carefully they used things, raised their own food, and sold walnuts in order to buy their mom a new dress for \$5. It was great to have Mrs. Waldon with us!

The eighth graders have all completed their ILEARN testing and have been troopers in addressing the long and arduous tests presented by the state. We have been blessed to have IT support from Michelle Ryan throughout the process. With Michelle's guidance, we had few hitches and sailed through it with great attitudes. Thanks, too, to those who made snacks and drinks available for all of the students during the testing days.

Sixth and seventh graders are moving on in their novels, and 8th graders are beginning Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*. We're digging in to refine our use of quotation marks in grammar. As always, we continue to write and hone our skills with some delightful journal assignments.

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. Shots of your younger 8th grader from infancy through seventh grade will make the slide show perfect at the graduation reception! Please do this as soon as possible.

God bless!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes are beginning a short segment on Selective Breeding, which is part of our Genetic lesson. We are discussing GMO's and their positive/negative effects upon our food supply. The month of May will be very busy with school work due to days missed due to state testing. Reinforce please that students need to "grind" thru this stretch run to the end of the school year!

Saint of the month - St. Joseph the Worker

Feastday: March 19th and May 1st

Death: 18

Patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. However, when an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, 20 "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:19-25).

When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with his young wife and the baby. He waited in Egypt without question until the angel told him it was safe to go back (Matthew 2:13-23).

We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple we are told Joseph (along with Mary) searched with great anxiety for three days for him (Luke 2:48). We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

We know Joseph respected God. He followed God's commands in handling the situation with Mary and going to Jerusalem to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified after Jesus' birth. We are told that

he took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, something that could not have been easy for a working man.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, the Apocryphal Date for Joseph's birth is 90 BC in Bethlehem and the Apocryphal Date of his death is July 20, AD 18 in Nazareth.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

Joseph is also patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general.

We celebrate two feast days for Joseph: March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. March 19 has been the most commonly celebrated feast day for Joseph, and it wasn't until 1955 that Pope Pius XII established the Feast of "St. Joseph the Worker" to be celebrated on May 1. This is also May Day (International Workers' Day) and believed to reflect Joseph's status as the patron of workers.

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 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:

05/06 – Pat Scharf, 05/07 – Marge Waldon, 05/08 – Marge Waldon, 05/09 – HELP NEEDED, 05/10 – HELP NEEDED, 05/13 – Diane Peters, 05/14 – Charlotte DeVille, 05/15 – Marge Waldon, 05/16 – Jill Zigan, 05/17 – Monica Ramsey, 05/20 – Pat Scharf, 05/21 – Marge Beinkemper, 05/22 – Marge Waldon, 05/23 – Jill Zigan

Playground Volunteers:

05/06 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 05/07 - HELP NEEDED, 05/08 – Randi McGraw, 05/09 – Chris Strzok, 05/10 - HELP NEEDED, 05/13 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 05/14 - HELP NEEDED, 05/15 – Randi McGraw, 05/16 – Chris Strzok, 05/17 - HELP NEEDED, 05/20 – Carolyn/Bernadine, 05/21 - HELP NEEDED, 05/22 – Randi McGraw, 05/23 – Chris Strzok

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	7 Chicken Patty with Bun Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	8 Pizza Veggie Sticks w/Dip Fruit Milk	9 Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	10 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Carrots Bread Tossed Salad Fruit Milk



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As of 05/03/2019:	\$706,830.20 raised
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Current Progress:

- 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!
- Bob, Ann, and Mollie are working on the budget for next year. We have made some progress, but still working on a few details. Once the budget is finalized, Fr. Steve, Finance Committee and Archdiocese will need to approve.
- Mr. Brookbank has been making progress in budgeting for the cafeteria for 2019/2020. New week numbers for tuition and cafeteria progress will be ready for release.

Calendar of Events:

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 No student mass. The last student mass will be on Thursday.
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	Student mass at 8:30 a.m. Last Student Day! – Grades 1 – 7 End of Year Celebration at 1:30 p.m. Students will be released at 2:35 p.m.