

The Bulldog Barks May 10, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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Thank you to Mrs. Rechten writing, creating and preparing St. Mary's student for a great performance! There were a lot of people "behind" the scenes helping. A shout out to Mr. Vincent, Mrs. Ripley, the band, and Mr. Marting! Please read the play program for everyone that helped! We are blessed to have such talented individual's involved at St. Mary's!

Next week the 6th and 7th graders will be going to CYO camp on Monday and Tuesday. On Monday, the 8th grade class will be heading to Charleston, South Carolina for the week. Wishing them all safe and fun trips.

The last day for After School Care will be on Wednesday, May 22nd. There will be no After School Care program on Thursday, May 23rd.

Saint of the Month

St. Joseph the Worker

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to everyone that helped make the teachers and staff feel extra special this week! The committee was headed up by Jessica Gerke with the help from Beth Legge, Amber Probst, Sarah Neeley and Randi McGraw. Thank you to Michelle Ryan and Aimee Hollingsworth for the great turkey dinner. Great job ladies.

PTO Meeting

The last PTO meeting was Wednesday, May 8th. Several topics were discussed, including:

- 2019 fish fry raised **\$32,029.93** this year.
- Teacher Appreciation Week went very well.
- Celebrate St. Mary's 2019 raised \$12,114.35.
- Uniform Exchange – July 27th / 28th and August 4th/5th.
 - o If you have uniforms that your kids have outgrown, drop them off in front of the school office! Bring them in anytime over the summer, so we have time to sort them and put them out before July 27th.
- Open House – Monday, August 5th at 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. We need volunteers to help:
 - o Check in families at the door
 - o Sign up parents for Farmer's Fair
 - o Sign up parents to committees, playground and cafeteria, etc.
- PTO Officers - restructuring for next school year.
 - o Anyone interested in being on PTO should contact Mr. Brookbank.
- Farmer's Fair 2019 is October 2nd – 5th!



Keep the Doors Open - Sustainability Meeting

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!

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

Thank you to everyone that made a donation, our sponsors, volunteers and everyone that attended this great event. We are happy to announce that the grand total for Celebrate St. Mary's 2019 is **\$12,114.35!**

<h3>St. Mary's "The Musical" !!!!</h3>

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!

- 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.
- Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.; we will then begin selling tickets for the 8 p.m. show.

We will also be taking orders tonight, for a video of the show. The CDs are \$15.00/each.

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 not be open on the last day of school. All students should be picked up by 2:45 p.m.

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.

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.

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 will be doing individual evaluations for our final report cards beginning Monday, May 13. Please make sure to review all skills that were listed in the midterm letter. Reviewing combinations (ar, or, er), blending, and reading sight words would be beneficial.

In math we will be using rulers to measure different items, we will be identifying halves and quarters of objects, we will also review the identification and value of coins, and count money, and work with story problems.

Thank you so much to our awesome PTO for all of the nice, wonderful things they treated us to during teacher appreciation week. We appreciate everything you do for us all the time.

Have a great week!

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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A big thanks to all of the parents and students for making the teachers feel extra appreciated this week! Thank you for all of the wonderful kind words, gifts, and goodies!

The 1st graders did a wonderful job in church on Wednesday! Thanks again to Mrs. Vincent for being a wonderful teacher!

Our final Spelling test will be on Friday, May 17th! Remember to study throughout the week!

Grade 2 and Grade 3 – Mrs. Grove

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First Holy Communion was beautiful. God bless all our children.

The students are so excited to perform the musical. It will be so much fun for them and the audience.

They have really worked hard. We are in awe at the level of acting and singing by the older kids.

Thank you to Jessica Gerke and her committee that have made Teacher Appreciation week so wonderful. We definitely feel spoiled and appreciated.

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

Testing is over! I appreciate everyone who took their time and did their best! Monday will be an exciting morning for both the third and fourth graders. They get to meet their high school pen pals! Students will learn more about their pen pal, enjoy donuts with them, and play a game together.

Now that we have a chance to get back to a normal schedule because testing is over, we only have two weeks of school left! This week should be fairly normal. Students will have their last week of spelling and grammar. They will continue reading their novel and working on their research project or report. Fourth graders will have one more math test the last week of school and a science test on Friday, May 17.

Save the date for the “4th Grade’s Famous Hoosier Wax Museum”- Wednesday, May 22. Family members can come anytime between 12:45 and 2:15. Hopefully parents who have a kindergartener can come to our wax museum before or after the kindergarten celebration. Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Baker

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Fifth graders have been working hard and are excited for the musical Friday! It is neat to see them in a different element. What a great experience this has been for everyone! Thank you to Mrs. Rehtin for all of her time and talent. Hope to see many of you there!

Fifth graders are finished with ILEARN testing and will have a somewhat normal week next week. We will have spelling and vocabulary as usual. Fifth graders are also preparing for a religion test on Tuesday. We will review in class on Monday. Have a great week!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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Yearbook Order forms were distributed this week. Orders will be taken through the last day of school. Reserve your copy by completing the form and sending in cash or a check to St. Mary’s School. Families may combine orders in one check. Yearbooks may be picked up at the Back to School Open House on Monday, August 5th from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Thank you, Linda Rehtin, for writing and preparing our students for their performances. It is a fabulous experience for them. You, the audience, are in for a treat tonight when you see the show!!

Thank you to Mr. Vincent, Mrs. Ripley, the band, Mr. Marting, and all of you for helping with the preparations! Many have put in endless hours making the show possible.

Thank you to everyone for the Teacher Appreciation treats! You have made me feel quite appreciated. I appreciate being able to teach at St. Mary’s.

CYO Camp is Monday and Tuesday. Students need to be at school by 8:05 a.m. with their belongings for overnight. Please put any medication in a clearly marked baggie with their name and dosage. Give the baggie to Mrs. Rice or Mrs. Rector. If prone to headaches, remember to send in some medicine for that. Bring your inhaler, if you have one. You may keep that in your pocket, in case you need it. *No electronics are allowed.* Students may use an adults cell phone, if needed. Parents should have Mrs. Rice’s cell #. It was on the permission slip. No snacks are allowed in the cabin. You may want a water bottle to refill and carry with you at camp. Put your name on it. Check the weather for Nashville, IN! You may wear a hat, if you like. Be ready to enjoy the outdoors!

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

The day of the musical has finally arrived! I really hope that you are able to attend one of the performances this evening. The students have done a fabulous job bringing Mrs. Rechtin's vision to reality. I believe you will be impressed with the quality of the show. We will be forever grateful to Mrs. Rechtin for her dedication and creativity. This is truly a special recollection of St. Mary's history!

Remember that the sixth and seventh graders will leave for CYO camp on Monday morning and return on Tuesday afternoon. They have a list of what to bring and what not to bring. If payment has not been made, it is due now. We wish the eighth graders a safe and fun trip to South Carolina! Have a terrific week!

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

Thanks to Mrs. Rechtin for writing and directing "The Musical"! This was a great experience for the students and all of our guests, and we're grateful to Mr. Vincent, Mrs. Ripley, and everyone who worked so hard to make it such a wonderful success.

6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be walking to the Dearborn County Historical Society in Lawrenceburg on Monday, the 20th. Students need to pack a lunch which we will take along with us. Check the permission slip for details, and be sure to return the permission slip!

Thanks to Jessica Gerke, Aimee Hollinsworth, Beth Legge, Randi McGraw, Sarah Neeley, Amber Probst, and Michelle Ryan for all the creative things they did to make the teachers feel special this week.

We're ready for our Monday morning departure for Charleston, South Carolina. Please keep the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders all in your prayers as we head out for the class trip and for CYO camp.

Next on the agenda: graduation and the last week of school.

Last call! 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**brookbank.science@mystmarys.com**

Both classes will begin a unit on the circulatory system. The emphasis will be on the heart and problems within the circulatory system. This will prepare the students for dissection of the pig heart and the eyeballs courtesy of Wayne's Meats in Milan.

Connie Powers – D.R.E.**connie.powers@mystmarys.com**

Vacation Bible School will be June 24 – 28, 2019 from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Activity Center. Children 4-10 years of age may sign up for a week of fun with Jesus! If your child is 11 years and up and would like to help, please put it down on the registration form. Forms have been sent home with school children and are in the back of church on the book shelf.

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.mymarys.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:

05/13 – Diane Peters, 05/14 – Charlotte DeVile, 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:

05/13 – 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
13	14	15	16	17
Spaghetti Lasagna Tossed Salad Bread Sticks Green Beans Fruit Milk	Macaroni and Cheese with Diced Ham Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Fajitas Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	3-Way Tossed Salad Carrots Crackers Fruit Milk



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As of 05/10/2019:

\$707,024.40 raised

Current Progress:

1. Mr. Brookbank, Finance Committee and various other individuals are assessing if we can offer cafeteria next year.
2. 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.
3. 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 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.