

The Bulldog Barks May 17, 2019

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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This will be the final Bulldog for the 2018/2019 school year.

This year has passed quickly with many ups and downs! We as a parish have worked together to overcome the financial challenges with hard work and support from all of the families. We are not “out of the woods”, but we have made significant progress. We have also had many successes this year including: Farmer’s Fair, Speech Meet, Primary Christmas Program, Lessons and Carols, Catholic Schools Week, Academic Meet, Lenten Fish Frys, Athletics, Celebrate St. Mary’s, CYO Camp, 8th grade trip and last, but not least, the amazing St. Mary’s “The Musical”!



The last day of After School Care will be on Wednesday, May 22nd. Please make sure you settle all payments that are due by Thursday, May 23rd!

Have a great summer!

PTO

- Uniform Exchange – July 27th / 28th and August 4th/5th.
 - 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:
 - Check in families at the door
 - Sign up parents for Farmer’s Fair
 - Sign up parents to committees, playground and cafeteria, etc.
- PTO Officers - restructuring for next school year.
 - Anyone interested in being on PTO should contact Mr. Brookbank.
- Farmer’s Fair 2019 is October 2nd – 5th!



Keep the Doors Open –

We continue to be astonished with donations made in Sunday offering, by mail or online. Thank you to everyone that has or continue to make donations to St. Mary’s!

Someone asked us to remind people that you can make a one-time donation or a lower monthly contribution – “monthly donor”. If you are able to be a monthly donor – even if it’s just \$10 per month – then you will be giving us the sustainability and predictability we need.

You can become a monthly donor by going to www.mystmarys.com

- Go to the “Parish” tab (top of page)
- Click on “Give Online”
- Scroll down to “Church Offering” area, select “Keep the Doors Open”
- Select: One-Time, Monthly Recurring or Weekly Recurring
- Enter a payment amount. This could be \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 or whatever you can give.
- Enter credit card or check information
- Enter billing information
- Click on “Make Payment” button

Registration Packets for next year

Please send in your registration packets before next Thursday!

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!

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.

Box Tops for Education

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



Remember to save your Box Top labels over the summer!

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.

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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*Please make sure to return all Library books by Monday, May 20th. That will be our last Library day.

Kindergarten's last school day is **Wednesday, May 22nd**. We will have our end of the year celebration from 1:00-1:30 p.m. (approximately), in the gym. **The students will be dismissed after the program.** Kindergarten may dress out of uniform on Wednesday, May 22.

Make sure your child brings his/her book bag the last day. The children will have many things to take home.

Don't forget to practice phonics/reading skills over the summer. The children will need to be able to blend sounds, read sight words, color words, and number words at the beginning of first grade.

Thank you for all of your help during the school year. The children have been wonderful, hard working students throughout the year. Ms. McPherson will be getting a great group of eager learners!

Have an awesome, safe summer vacation!

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

We do still have homework in this week! Please continue to check your child's folders each night!

Our End of the Year Ceremony will be in church at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 23rd. All are welcome to attend! The students may be dismissed right after the ceremony!

I would like to thank all for your help, support and interest this year. We have had another successful year in school! Have a wonderful summer!

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

We have 16 chicks. Thank you to Mrs. Marcia Purcell at the Purdue Co-op Extension for lending us the incubator. It has been a great learning experience.

Our pen pals from South Dearborn Student Government met us Monday morning. It was fun to finally put a face to the person writing letters to us all year long. They enjoyed playing with the chicks, also.

We are looking forward to one more visit from Velda Miller. We will be discussing spiders and peanut plants.

We are also excited for the 4th grade Famous Hoosier Wax Museum next Wednesday.

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

Students had a great time meeting their pen pals last Monday! They really enjoyed writing to them this year. Fourth and fifth graders have been working on some STEM projects the past few days. We will get to test their water device, beach ball torch, and sunglasses on Monday!

It is hard to believe that it is the end of the year! I have really enjoyed teaching the third and fourth graders this year! I look forward to seeing their last book report project, which is due Tuesday, May 21. May reading logs are also due Tuesday.

I hope families of the fourth graders will be able to come to our Famous Hoosier Wax Museum on Wednesday, May 22nd between 12:45 p.m. and 2:15p.m. Have an awesome last week of school!

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

It's hard to believe that we are in our last week of school! These last few weeks have flown by! We have some exciting things coming up this week.

Fifth graders will be finishing up their STEM projects on Monday by testing what they have built. They should bring an extra pair of clothes to school with them since their projects involve water. Their extra clothes can be out of uniform as long as they are school appropriate. We are looking forward to testing our projects!

Fifth graders will also need to bring a packed lunch on Tuesday. We will be having our picnic lunch that day. Have a great week!

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

The 6th and 7th graders had a great trip to CYO Camp on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to Mr. Robers for getting us there and back safely.

Musical costumes that have not been claimed are on the tables upstairs and in the old 2nd grade room downstairs. If you are missing something, send in word and we'll help look for it. DVD's are available of the show for \$20. It was a fantastic show. Thank you Mrs. Rechten! Thank you Mr. Brookbank for agreeing for us to do the show!

Yearbook orders are due by the last day of school. I have more order forms in room 6 and some are in the rack by the office. You can still order if you don't have the form. Send in \$10 cash or check to St. Mary's School for each yearbook. Write the names, grade, and how many you want. You can give it to

Miss Ann or Mrs. Rice. Any teacher can give it to us for you. Yearbooks will be distributed at Open House on August 5th.

Permission slips for Monday's field trip are due! I still have 3 missing!! This has been a great year. I am looking forward to next school year.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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We had a fabulous time at CYO camp on Monday and Tuesday! The weather was a little on the cool side, but that sure beats rain and heat to make camp a pleasant experience. The students spent a lot of time on team building activities and also learned how to use a compass and build a fire (even though the dampness made it difficult to start the fire). They also participated in an Underground Railroad presentation to simulate what it felt like to be a slave in Indiana in the 1800's. It was fun to see students try new activities and get out of their comfort zones, many succeeding at things they had never tried before! We appreciate Mr. Collins and Mr. Ruter going with us to help chaperone.

On Monday, students in grades 6-8 are taking a walking field trip on the trail to Lawrenceburg to visit the Dearborn County Historical Society. They all need to wear their uniform, comfortable shoes, and bring a lunch and drink. A few students still need their permission slips signed!

We will wrap up the year next week. Our final day on Thursday will begin with Mass and end in the church beginning at 1:30 p.m. We will have a tour of Hillforest at 10:15 a.m. thanks to Mr. Waldon. It has been a terrific year!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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We're probably on our way home from South Carolina as you read this. It has been a wonderful week with some excellent onboard entertainment and superb traveling companions. Our eighth graders were models of everything which St. Mary's strives to be.

Congratulations to Elana Hollingsworth whose essay for Main Street Aurora won first place in Main Street Aurora Essay Contest this past Monday. In commemoration of Aurora's bicentennial, Elana wrote about Thomas Gaff, Hillforest's original owner, and his influence on Aurora in the past and today. She used facts and humor to express her point and represented St. Mary's School beautifully.

Congratulations, Elana!

Don't forget our field trip to visit the Dearborn County Historical Society 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. **REMEMBER THAT WEATHER CONDITIONS COULD CHANGE OUR PLANS.**

Graduation on Wednesday begins with a Mass at 6:00 P.M. followed by the presentation of awards and a graduation photo – all in church. Afterwards, we will have a reception and "slide show" in the Activity Center. Thanks to the parents of seventh graders for setting this up for us.

God bless!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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The 7th will continue exploring the circulatory system. We will complete a lab proving the compatibility properties of the ABO blood system. Please discuss this lab with your child. We began the lab on Thursday, 5/16.

The eighth grade will dissect the pig heart and possibly the cow eyes. If you would like the remains brought home for further study let me know! The lab will primarily attempt the following goals: 1) Locate and identify the four chambers of the heart. 2) Locate and identify the valves of the heart and how they control the direction of blood flow. 3) Arteries and veins if attached will be discussed. 4) The septum identified and function discussed.

Connie Powers – D.R.E.

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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:

05/20 – Pat Scharf, 05/21 – Marge Beinkemper, 05/22 – Marge Waldon, 05/23 – Jill Zigan

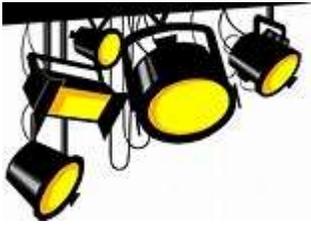
Playground Volunteers:

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
20	21	22 *	23	HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!
French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Steak Fries O.J. cups Milk	Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Bread Fruit Milk	Various Chicken Veggies Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	

* We are using up all of the remaining chicken we have.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

#WELOVESTMARYS

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Alumni

Adam Hill, St. Mary's class of 2011 graduated from Purdue in aeronautical engineering technology, with distinction. His goal is to be a commercial airline pilot like his dad!



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As of 05/15/2019:	\$707,049.40 raised
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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:

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.