

# The Bulldog Barks

## December 6, 2019

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Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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### Adult Voices of Indiana

Adult Voices of Indiana will be performing a benefit concert again this year for St. Mary's. It is a beautiful Christmas Cantata called "A Midnight Clear". This is the same talented choir that performed last year to help us out as a fundraiser. The event will be on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. There is a suggested donation of \$5/person. Proceeds will go to benefit St. Mary's school. Come enjoy an hour of uplifting music as we welcome in the Christmas season.

***Saint of the Month***

St. Nicholas

### STO/Prayer Buddy Activity

Next Thursday, the students are meeting with their prayer buddies/guardian angels to make Christmas cards to spread cheer to some local hospitals and nursing homes. When they are finished with the cards, they are going to decorate sugar cookies with icing and sprinkles to enjoy. Can you help out the S.T.O. by **donating sugar cookies, white icing, or sprinkles?** Please send an email to [kim.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:kim.rector@mystmarys.com) if you are willing to send some of these items in to school. We need enough for 73 students. We would like to have everything by Wednesday so we know if we need to purchase any supplies. Thank you!

**Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 12/05/2019 (77 school days)**

# of students: 73

Average # of students per day: 71.74

# of absent days: 101

Average Daily Attendance: 98.27%

### Lessons and Carols

Mark your calendars for December 11th! We will hold our traditional Lessons & Carols at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All students in grades 3, 4, and 5 are to wear a school uniform. **Lessons & Carols is a required program; attendance is mandatory. Students unable to attend will be assigned a project appropriate for their grade level.**

### St. Mary's Basketball Pictures - Friday December 13th

We are sending home information today, regarding basketball picture day. Students should bring both uniforms and the order form to school on Friday, December 13, 2019.

We are also asking for help after the December 18th game. St. Vincent dePaul needs the Activity Center the next day, so we need help getting the A.C. cleaned up and set up after the game. If you could stay after the game and help, it would be greatly appreciated! If we have several people, it should not take very long.

## **Sustainability Committee**

*“Thank you to our parish members, Parent, staff and student for their generosity and baking talents that helped make this year’s Bake Sale a huge success! We truly could not have done it without all of you!”*

*Sincerely,  
St. Mary’s Sustainability Committee*



Bulldog’s Bounty Cookbook - \$15.00/each, there are copies available in the office for purchase. Stop in and pick one up, or send in an order form with payment and it will be filled and returned with your child.

We also have 10 pound bags of prepared barbeque! Each bag is \$40.00 and will serve approximately 40 individuals. GREAT WAY TO SAVE TIME ON THE HOLIDAYS OR SPORTS PARTIES. Call the school office for details.

## **We still need cafeteria monitors.**

These individuals will walk around the cafeteria and monitor students, open milk, and general supervision. Time needed – 11:25 – 11:55 a.m. Call the office if you can help.

## **Adopt a Student Program**

Our Adopt-A-Student Program is aimed at helping struggling families meet the rising cost of a good Catholic Education. It is an opportunity for you, as caring parishioner, to offer a child a quality, Catholic education. It is also an opportunity to help your fellow parishioners with financial support and encouragement.

Your contribution may be applied in one of two ways. First, it could go to help all our St. Mary’s children. Secondly, it could also be applied towards a specific child for the child’s tuition account. All you need to do, is to specify the child or children you wish to sponsor. In this case, the parents would be notified that their account has been reduced by X amount of dollars. You may donate anonymously, if you wish.

Our Adopt-A-Student program is also funded by the weekly student mass; one half of the funds collected go into the Adopt-A-Student fund.

Contact the school office if you have any questions.

## **Student Tickets – South Dearborn**

St. Mary's has \$3.00 Reduced Student Tickets for the sports events at South Dearborn. We have the tickets in the school office.

## **Kroger Community Rewards**

Thanks to everyone that has enrolled in Kroger Community Rewards and linked their card to St. Mary’s. This help raise money for our school! It’s easy and free to enroll! Plus, you’ll earn fuel points at the same time.

If you are not enrolled, here is the link:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

## **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! If you have any question about the After School Care, please call the office or email Ms. McPherson at [mcperson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com).

## Box Tops for Education

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



Nicole Eaglin, Box Tops for Education Coordinator

Please collect Box Tops and send them in to school with your student. The teachers collect the Box Tops, and then I mail them in to be redeemed. Each Box Top is worth \$.10. There are collection sheets you may fill out or send them in a baggie.

This year, Box Tops for Education has updated their app. Just download the app, fill in our school information, scan in your receipt and scan the item. Our school will then receive credit and a check is mailed to the school quarterly.

I appreciate all of your participation in the Box Tops for Education program. Thank you for helping raise money for our school.

## 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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Our new letter in Phonics will be **Zz**- keyword-zebra. We will be focusing on the four short vowel sounds we have learned. (a, o, i, u) We will also get reader #6, "Zip".

In math we will be working with dimes- identifying and giving the value for, and counting dimes. We will also be counting by 10's to 100. We will work with AB and ABB patterns.

Our Christmas Program is on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30, in church. The children will meet in the cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. They are to wear dress clothes, no jeans. They have been working very hard practicing their songs.

In Religion we are talking about Advent as we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please read the stories, and use the Advent calendar that was sent home.

Show-n-Tell for the week of December 9th will be letter- **Pp**.

Have a great week!

## Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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### 1st Grade

The Primary Christmas Program will be held in Church on **Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm**. Please have your child meet in the cafeteria at 6:15pm. For our program this year the students are being asked to wear nice dress clothes.

The 1st graders will be learning the two sounds vowel y (long i sound as in cry and long e sound as in candy). They will learn that y can also be a suffix.

In math we are continuing to practice our math facts. We are also practicing how to number a clock face and telling time to the nearest hour.

### 2nd Grade

The Primary Christmas Program will be held in Church on **Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm**. Please have your child meet in the cafeteria at 6:15pm. For our program this year the students are being asked to wear nice dress clothes.

In Phonics we will be learning the vc/cvc/cv syllable division rule and spelling words with multiple vowel patterns.

In math we are adding two-digit numbers with regrouping and using addition algorithms.

**Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer****[amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com](mailto:amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com)**

Third grade and fourth grade will be having their chapter 5 math test on Tuesday. They finished their chapters at the same time! This works out great because the last two weeks before break we will be doing math together as students learn about different types of graphs, probability, mean, median, mode, and combinations. We will do lots of group work creating graphs during this time.

In religion we will be learning more about the Advent and Christmas seasons along with memorizing the Ten Commandments.

I look forward to seeing you at Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 11th.

**Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove****[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)**

A Technology Use Agreement (blue cardstock) for the fifth grade students and their parents was sent home Tuesday after our third session of *Think Smart, Stay Safe*. It is recommended that you keep it by the home computer.

Please do not spend money on a Christmas gift for the teacher. I have everything and more! If you child insists, a gift for the Giving Tree in church, in my honor, would be wonderful. I can take your student to church to choose a tag and then return with the gift.

The 5th and 6th grades cooked up a surprise going away party for our student teacher, Ms. O'Brien. We will miss her and wish her well.

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

The cancelled Robotics event has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 11th. The dates of the remaining competitions are Tuesday, January 21st, February 11th, and February 18th. All competitions are at Aurora Elementary School and begin at 5:00 p.m.

The Holiday Shopping project for 6th graders is due on Friday, December 13th. They have a rubric to see exactly how it is will be graded. Students should look it over before turning it in.

Lessons & Carols is Wednesday, December 11th. Read the information about it in the Bulldog.

Thank you Mrs. Rector for organizing the Thanksgiving Theater. The students did a great job working together.

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

The sixth and seventh graders are continuing to enjoy their novels. They have also both been working on citing text evidence when writing answers to questions. Supporting details are important! In sixth grade social studies, we are learning about the culture of Europe. The seventh graders are studying the culture of North Africa. Eighth graders have begun to study the early stages of the American Revolution.

We have also been busy with extra choir practices and rehearsals for all students involved in Lessons and Carols. We really appreciate the dedication of Mr. Waldon which makes this program such a special event. Please join us next Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. to experience it for yourself. The Primary program begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

We're putting all of our energy and efforts into preparation for Lessons and Carols! Students are giving their best to make sure the scripture readings, prayers, and music are fit for a King. Remember that this is a required program for students in grades 3 through 8.

We've finally wrapped up our second novel, No Promises in the Wind and are ready to begin another exciting adventure. We'll barely get a taste of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* before Christmas break, but we're ready for a trip down the Mississippi!

Thanks to Bill and Emily Hollander for the beautiful new flags flying above the school. The wind and the sun had done a number on the old flags which will be respectfully put to rest by the local Boy Scouts.

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade fundraisers

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has several fundraisers to raise money for their trip to Pigeon Key, FL for Mr. Gardner's SPLASH into science trip.

- Chipotle – Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Shirts/Sweatshirts - you can buy them for only \$20 (2x add \$2 and 3x add \$3) at Personally Yours or there are order forms on the table in front of the school office. We have a stock of adult sizes (and will order youth sizes). We will be taking orders until Wednesday, December 11th. Orders will be ready for pick-up by December 20th.
- Quilt Raffle – Navy and white chevron patterned quilt. 72 X 82 (full/twin). Was pieced by Carol smith and machine quilted by Carolyn Freeman. Drawing will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$5/each. To purchase tickets, see an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student or stop by the school office.



### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes are studying the human body systems. I have had several parents voice concern about lack of Health education. High schools require one semester of Health to meet graduation requirements. In order to prepare our students for this requirement I have introduced this to our curriculum. I am accredited by the state Of Indiana to teach Health. Your child should be reading over the study guides and preparing for quizzes covering the body system we are currently introducing.

### Connie Powers – CRE

FYI: Confirmation will now be celebrated every other year at St. Mary. Our next confirmation will be in 2021. Our current 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### Saint of the month – St. Nicholas

Saint Nicholas was a Christian bishop who helped the needy. After his death, the legend of his gift-giving grew. Saint Nicholas transformed into the legendary character called Santa Claus, who brings Christmas presents to children around the world.

Saint Nicholas was born circa 280 in Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. A devout Christian, he later served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre.

Several sources state Saint Nicholas is believed to have died on December 6, 343. Over the years, stories of his miracles and work for the poor spread to other parts of the world. He became known as the protector of children and sailors and was associated with gift-giving.

The Dutch continued to celebrate the feast day of Saint Nicholas, December 6. It was a common practice for children to put out their shoes the night before. In the morning, they would discover the gifts that Saint Nicholas had left there for them. Dutch immigrants brought the legend of Saint Nicholas, known to them as Sint Nikolaas or by his nickname, Sinterklaas, to America in the 1700s.

Saint Nicholas went through many transformations in America: Sinterklaas became Santa Claus, and instead of giving gifts on December 6, he became a part of the Christmas holiday.

## Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at [www.mymarys.com](http://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. – 11:50 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5

11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. – Grades K – 2

12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

### Recess:

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Grades K – 2

11:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Grades 3 – 4

### 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.

**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:

12/09 – Diane Peters, 12/10 – HELP NEEDED, 12/11 – Marge Waldon, 12/12 – Charlotte DeVille, 12/13 – Monica Ramsey, 12/16 – Pat Scharf, 12/17 – Kay Gigerich, 12/18 – Marge Waldon, 12/19 – Charlotte DeVille, 12/20 – Monica Ramsey

### Playground Volunteers:

12/09 – Carolyn Manford, 12/10 – HELP NEEDED, 12/11 – Randi McGraw, 12/12 – Jill Zigan, 12/13 – HELP NEEDED, 12/16 – Carolyn Manford, 12/17 – HELP NEEDED, 12/18 – Randi McGraw, 12/19 – Jill Zigan, 12/20 – HELP NEEDED

### Lunch Menu: \$17.50 per ticket (5 meals)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9	10	11	12	13
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	Popcorn Chicken Fries Green Beans Fruit Milk	Sausage Gravy Biscuit Sausage Link Carrots Corn O.J. cup Milk	Mini Corn Dogs Baked Beans Tossed Salad Fruit Milk	Pizza or Fiesta Pizza Veggie Sticks with dip Fruit Milk

# Calendar of Events:

Monday, December 9th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - No student mass, students can attend the parish evening mass at 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade class will have a fundraiser at the Aurora Chipotle from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11th	(K-2) Primary Christmas Program 6:30 p.m. in Church (3-8) Lessons and Carols 7 p.m. in Church
Friday, December 13th	Basketball Picture Day (during school)
Sunday, December 15th	Adult Voices of Indiana - “A Midnight Clear” St. Mary’s Church at 6:30 p.m.
Friday, December 20th	End of 2nd Quarter Report cards will be sent home January 9, 2020
December 23 – January 5th	Christmas Break
Monday, January 6, 2020	School resumes
Thursday, January 9th	2nd Quarter Report card sent home 3Q PTO Meeting at 7 p.m. in school cafeteria

## STO Members for 2019-2020

- Grade 8: Charlie Meyer, Ellie Ryan and Bernadette Wismann
- Grade 7: Elana Hollingsworth, Carson Ruter and Lakota Vincent
- Grade 6: Laura Dennis, Eleanor Eaglin and Maddie Ryan

## 2019/2020 School Theme: Shout to the Lord

You Tube link to the song

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5\\_aIauL2xKA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_aIauL2xKA)



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