

The Bulldog Barks January 10, 2020

Mr. Brookbank – Principal

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This has been an exciting and quick week at St. Mary's. The students once they awakened and realized they were at school, have worked hard in their classes. The visit by Archbishop Thompson was a special day. St. Lawrence and our students were respectful and conducted themselves, that as parents you have done a great job raising your children. The choir and bell choir, under the direction of Mr. Waldon were inspiring with their talent. The Archbishop walked up and personally talked to the choir members, he was impressed. After the mass our 6th through 8th graders had a question/answer period with the Archbishop. I could tell the students put a lot of thought into their questions. The Archbishop is a very personable man. He patiently listened and answered each question with sincerity.

Saint of the Month
St. Francis de Sales

The three smart boards we ordered in December have arrived! Tony and I are putting them together and hope to be using late next week. You can see demos at the following site "promethean titanium series touch boards demos".

Martin Luther King Day

St. Mary's School and South Dearborn schools will be in session on Monday, January 20, 2020. This was previously scheduled off for Martin Luther King Day.

St. Mary's will be off on Monday, April 13, 2020. This is the Monday after Easter.

If you have any questions, please call the school office.

Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 01/10/2019 (93 school days)

of students: 74

Average # of students per day: 71.7

of absent days: 147

Average Daily Attendance: 96.6%

Knights of Columbus – Free Throw Championship

All girls and boys ages 9-14 are welcome to participate. Price: Free

Knights of Columbus Council 1231 will host contestants age 9-14 in a Free Throw competition

Each Contestant will take 15 Free Throw show from the foul line; tie breakers will take place if necessary. This event will be held to engage our kids in a good natured, friendly competition using their mental and physical basketball skills.

All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate. All participants will receive a participation form and the winners of each group of Girls and Boys will receive a trophy. The winners will also move on to the District event, and possibly the State Challenge dependent upon their scores.

Registration: 1:30 p.m.

Event Start Time: 2:00 p.m.

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.

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 this week is **Yy**- keyword- yarn. After adding our Yy words to the caterpillar, we will have over 400 words that we can blend to read. How awesome is that? We will also be working with alphabetical order, and rhyming. We will add two new "pop-up" words to our list. Please continue to practice reading all "pop-up" words.

We are working with the 8 basic color words. The children will bring home self-checking flashcards for practice.

In math we will work with numbers 0-20, identifying which comes before, between, or after a given number.

We all enjoyed celebrating Mass with Archbishop Thompson on Wednesday. Thank you to those who made it possible.

If you haven't already done so, please remember to sign and return report cards. Have a great week!

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

The 1st graders will be learning to spell and read new words with combination ar (star), digraph ch (as in cheese), combination or (as in horse), and combination qu (as in quilt).

In Reading we are starting the story Sam's Song. Reading Word List #13 will be sent home Monday!

Spelling list #12 went home. Our test will be on Friday, Jan. 17th!

In Math we are working on our minus and plus 2 math facts. We are also learning how to tally numbers and use a ruler to draw line segments.

2nd Grade

In Phonics we are reading and spelling new words with the soft sound of the letter g (as in giraffe). We will also be practicing how to spell words with trigraph dge (as in bridge) and trigraph tch (as in patch).

In Reading we are starting the story Ruby the Copycat. Reading Logs for this story will be due Friday, Jan. 17th!

Spelling list #15 went home. Our test will be on Friday, Jan 17th!

In Math we are telling and showing time to five minute intervals, and adding three 2 digit numbers with a sum greater than 100.

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer**amanda.meyer@mystmarys.com**

We all enjoyed mass Wednesday with Archbishop Thompson. We are so happy he was able to visit! We also had our first visit from Captain Cash. This is a four week economics program provided by the Purdue Extension Office. So far students should be able to tell you more about how people get paid and why some jobs are higher paid than others.

In math this week, third grade will practice dividing by 6, 7, 8, and 9. Fourth graders will continue measurement. They will work with grams, kilograms, liters, milliliters, cups, pints, quarts, and gallons. They will be making Mr. Gallon to help them with capacity. Students will finish their realistic fiction stories in reading and have a test at the end of the week.

Grade 5 – Mrs. Grove**annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com**

We welcomed Lileigh McDaniel to our class Monday. She jumped right in and acts like she has always been here! We are glad she joined us.

Fifth grade report cards were sent home Thursday. Parents, please sign and return them. Also please sign and return the blue 3rd quarter AR goals. When they have all been returned, the class will receive popsicles.

Our next Robotics Competition is Tuesday, January 21. A note was sent home Thursday with all the details. We do not have a lot of school time to practice driving the robots. Everyone is welcome to stay after school to practice on Thursdays until 3:30. Don't forget that there is also practice every morning starting at 7am or whenever you can get here.

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

The school year is already half over. The first half went very quickly. CYO Camp is scheduled for Thursday/Friday, May 21-22. 6th and 7th grade go to camp. It's a wonderful experience for team building and outdoor activities. Camp is in Brown County, Indiana. More info to come.

A robotics team letter was sent home with the report cards yesterday. It's the same letter I emailed on Thursday. Return a signed copy of the report card ASAP.

The 6th grade is being challenged in math with solving equations. They will be pros at it by 8th grade, maybe even by 7th grade.

7th grade is working on using positives and negatives. Ask them to explain how to add and subtract negative and positive numbers. We are moving on to multiplying and dividing them now. If they don't know the rules, they will have trouble applying the rules to fractions and decimals.

8th grade is still working on graphing linear equations and inequalities. They have also learned how to deal with equations and inequalities with absolute value signs. Next week we are moving on to solving system of linear equations and inequalities.

5th/6th grade science is working with types of energy. Mechanical energy is first.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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Welcome back! It is a little hard to get back into the routine after the break, but we are settling in. The Archbishop's visit on Wednesday was very exciting. The students were very impressed and appreciated him taking time to answer their questions after Mass. They were left with the impression that he was very humble and had a lot in common with them. He also explained the items that all bishops receive when they become a bishop, and the difference between a bishop and an archbishop. The students themselves were impressive in their participation- from the readers to everyone's responses and singing!

Report cards from the second quarter were sent home on Thursday. Please sign and return a copy if you have not done so already. Please let us know if you would like to meet to discuss your student's progress. With the start of the third quarter, the work we are doing is going to increase in difficulty. Encourage your student to stay on top of his/her assignments and to ask questions if they don't understand something! Have a terrific week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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Happy New Year! First, thanks to the parents who made the teachers and staff to so many delicious homemade cookies and wonderful candy right before our Christmas break. Our families enjoyed and appreciated all of your efforts, too!

This has been a fantastic week and an amazing kick-off to the second semester. We were all ready and happy to have Archbishop Thompson with us for our school Mass on Wednesday; it was a pleasure to get to enjoy this humble, down-to-earth man who gives his energy to Jesus Christ. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students appreciated the extra time he spent with them after Mass. It was great to welcome the students from St. Lawrence to share in our school Mass and to be able to show all of our guests, visitors, and parishioners the special spirit here at St. Mary's.

The 7th and 8th graders are preparing for the archdiocesan religion assessment for 8th graders. This gives the 7th graders an edge since they are jump starting their preparation for next year.

Report cards were sent home this week, and you are asked to sign and return one copy to us.

We're proud of the achievements of our students and encourage them to keep it up and step it up! God bless you all!

8th grade fundraiser

The 8th grade class has a fundraiser to raise money for their trip to Pigeon Key, FL for Mr. Gardner's SPLASH into science trip.

- 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 25th. Tickets are \$5/each. To purchase tickets, see an 8th grade student or stop by the school office.

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes have begun their unit on Genetics. In the 7th grade the unit will be about basics.

Terminology and understanding concepts such as mitosis/meiosis and the mechanics that control human traits. 8th grade will build upon knowledge taught last year and delve deeper into the structure and function of chromosomes and genes.

Saint of the month – St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales was born to a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy near Geneva, Switzerland on August 21, 1567. He was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

Francis was both intelligent and gentle. From a very early age, he desired to serve God. He knew for years he had a vocation to the priesthood, but kept it from his family. His father wanted him to enter a career in law and politics.

In 1580, Francis attended the University of Paris, and at 24-years-old, he received his doctorate in law at the University of Padua.

All the time, he never lost his passion for God. He studied theology and practiced mental prayers, but kept quiet about his devotion. To please his father, he also studied fencing and riding.

God made his will clear to Francis one day while he was riding. Francis fell from his horse three times that day. Every time he fell, the sword came out of the scabbard, and every time it came out, the sword and scabbard came to rest on the ground in the shape of the Christian cross.

After much discussion and disagreement from his father, Francis was ordained to the priesthood and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, in 1593, by the Bishop of Geneva.

During the time of the Protestant reformation, Francis lived close to Calvinist territory. He decided he should lead an expedition to bring the 60,000 Calvinists back to the Catholic Church.

For three years, he trudged through the countryside, had doors slammed in his face and rocks thrown at him. In the bitter winters, his feet froze so badly they bled as he tramped through the snow.

Francis' unusual patience kept him working. No one would listen to him, no one would even open their door. So, Francis found a way to get under the door. He wrote out little pamphlets to explain true Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. This is one of the first records we have of religious tracts being used to communicate the true Catholic faith to people who had fallen away from the Church.

The parents wouldn't come to him, so Francis went to the children. When the parents saw how kind he was as he played with the children, they began to talk to him.

By the time Francis returned home, it is believed he brought 40,000 people to the Catholic Church.

FACTS

Feastday: January 24

Patron: of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education

Birth: August 21, 1567

Death: December 28, 1622

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. – 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: 01/13 – Diane Peters, 01/14 – Connie Powers, 01/15 – Marge Waldon, 01/16 – Charlotte Deville, 01/17 – Monica Ramsey, 01/20 – Pat Scharf, 01/21 – Kay Gigerich, 01/22 – Marge Waldon, 01/23 – Jill Zigan, 01/24 – Monica Ramsey, 01/27 – Diane Peters, 01/28 – Kay Gigerich, 01/29 – Marge Waldon, 01/30 – Jill Zigan, 01/31 – Monica Ramsey

Playground Volunteers:

01/13 – Carolyn Manford, 01/14 – HELP NEEDED, 01/15 – Randi McGraw, 01/16 – Jill Zigan, 01/17 – HELP NEEDED, 01/20 – HELP NEEDED, 01/21 – Connie Powers, 01/22 – Randi McGraw, 01/23 – HELP NEEDED, 01/24 – HELP NEEDED, 01/27 – Carolyn Manford, 01/28 – Connie Powers, 01/29 – Randi McGraw, 01/30 – HELP NEEDED, 01/31 – HELP NEEDED

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

JANUARY 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13	14	15	16	17
3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Corn Fruit Milk	Cheese Coney Veggie Sticks with Dip Fruit Milk	Chicken Slider Sandwich Tossed Salad Baked Beans Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

- Monday, January 20th St. Mary’s School and South Dearborn schools will be in session
- Tuesday, January 21st 5th/6th grade Robotics meet at Aurora Elementary at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, January 25th Spaghetti Dinner from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the Activity Center
- Free Will Donation
-8th Grade Fundraiser
- January 26th – 31, 2020 Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday, January 29 th	Student Mass at 8:30 a.m. School open all day for visitors Open House/Kindergarten Round Up and Registration from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday, January 31 st	Local and state politicians visiting the school
Friday, February 7 th	End of 3 rd Quarter
Tuesday, February 11 th	5th/6th grade Robotics Meet at Aurora Elementary at 5 p.m.
Thursday, February 13 th	3 rd Quarter Midterm Reports go home
Tuesday, February 18 th	5th/6th grade Robotics Meet at Aurora Elementary at 5 p.m.
Wednesday, February 19 th	eLearning/Professional Development Day
Friday, February 21 st	Mission Festival

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



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