

The Bulldog Barks February 27, 2020

Mr. Brookbank - Principal

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Sheriff Shane McHenry authored a grant through the Dearborn County Foundation in which participating area schools will have an extra layer of protection in the event of an intruder. The program is called School Guard. You can research via the internet using the link School Guard. The first year cost is paid for by the grant thanks to the generosity of DCF. Next year St. Mary's will pay \$79.00/month.

Saint of the Month

St. Francis de Sales

Fish Fry season is upon us, I would like to thank all involved at this time. I am proud of St. Mary's parish for many reasons. The unity and volunteerism of our Fish Fry's makes me extremely happy to be your principal. A thank you to the PTO and all who work behind the scenes in organizing our fundraiser.

Grants are written and delivered! We have a grant in review by Baylor Trucking concerning materials to instruct STEM in our classrooms Pre-K through 8th. A second grant is being reviewed by the Aurora City Grant committee involving materials for our Pre-K classroom beginning next school year. Decisions will be made within the next few months.

Our 8th grade girls won the Oldenburg Tourney for the second year in a row!

This time of the year is budget time and recruitment of new students. I need your help in reaching out to families that may desire attending St. Mary's. Send me the info and I will contact the families.

The next Principal Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend. Mr. Brookbank will provide updates on what has been going on at school and plans for the next school year.

Average Daily Attendance: 08/07 – 02/21/2019 (128 school days)

of students: 74

Average # of students per day: 70.98

of absent days: 303

Average Daily Attendance: 95.91

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Please join us for Grandparent's Day on Wednesday, April 8th at 1:15 p.m. in the Activity Center.

FISH FRY!!!

Our first Fish Fry is tonight, February 28th. Thank You to everyone who has already gone to the online signup and volunteered.

The following grades are assigned to bring in desserts: 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

March 13th will be: Kindergarten, 5th, 6th and 7th

We still have spots open for future fish fry's. You can sign up online at:

Link: **<https://signup.com/go/YNuAxeD>**

Please take a look at your schedule and fill a position if you are not already signed up. We served close to 900 dinners during our first fish fry last year, so I am expecting this first week to be VERY busy!! It is hard to serve that many people when we do not have enough volunteers. We have shared the flyer on Facebook and it has gotten a HUGE response. It has been seen by over 14,000 people because it has been shared over and over!

DESSERTS

Each Fish Fry we ask school families to provide the desserts. To help get the correct amount of desserts we assign grades to each fish fry. If you have a student in the grade listed, we ask that you provide around 24 servings of dessert. A single 9x13 cake usually gets cut into 15 servings, a pie usually is 12 servings, and bundt type cakes are 16 servings just to give you an idea of how they get served.

Pie, specialty cakes, cheesecake, and anything containing fruit are the most requested desserts. Cookies and bars do not go over as well, and are usually left at the end of the night. 90% of our meals are served to adults and kids will usually pick pie or cake over a cookie. Also if you have a great recipe for a sugar-free or gluten-free dessert we are always getting requests for those type of desserts. Please label the dessert so that we can get it to the people who are looking for them.

Schedule:

- February 28th: 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th
- March 13: Kind., 5th, 6th and 7th
- March 20: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th (Spring Break)
- March 27th: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th (Spring Break)
- April 3rd: Kind., 1st, 5th and 8th

Other Info:

- \$5 Meal for workers, we usually have some fish ready by 3:45 p.m. so workers can eat before
- Wear your "Cod with God" Shirts if you have one while working. We have some available for purchase if you need one, they are \$10 each, contact Ann in the office.
- Please let me know if you are running late, call or text me at 859-240-9390
- Parking is always an issue, so if you can park down in the parish lot off of 4th street, then that leaves closer parking for people coming to eat.
- Reservations for groups of 8 or more eating in the school cafeteria can be made with me or Ann.
- Students in grades 4 and below should not be accompanying parents who are working. This is due to the business of the night, and that there are so many people coming in and out of the buildings. It becomes a safety issue if there are young children around unsupervised.

Please contact me with any issues or questions, 859-240-9390 michelle.ryan03@gmail.com. I have attached the flyer with all the info for this years fish fry's. If you have a spot to advertise please print off or pass along as needed.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan, PTO President

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.

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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The class was so excited to have finished the identification, sounds, and printing of all 26 letters of the alphabet! Next week we will be working with long vowel sounds (the vowels say their own name). Keywords: a- acorn, e- equal, i- icicle, o- overalls, u- unicorn. We will learn the **v--- rule**: a vowel not followed by a consonant, (within the same syllable) is usually long; (no, me, so, be, he, hi), we code the vowel with a macron. A macron is a straight line over the top of the vowel. We will also get reader #11, *My Pal Bo*. Reading the “pop-up” words on a regular basis will help your child become a more fluent reader. The “Ww” words could use some extra practice!

In math we will continue dividing by sharing while playing cards, and we will be working with a new pattern- ABC. We will also be working with Left/ Right positions. Please continue to practice counting money with your child, especially nickels.

Show-n-Tell for the week of March 2 will be letter Dd.

Have a wonderful week!

Grade 1 and Grade 2 – Ms. McPherson

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1st Grade

In Reading we are enjoying the story Ring! Ring! Ring! Put Out the Fire! Reading Word List #20 was sent home. Our test will be on Friday!

In Phonics we are reading and spelling new words with **digraph au** (as in faucet), **digraph aw** (as in straw), and **digraph oa** (as in soap). We will also learn about “**Wild Colt Words**” and how to code them.

Spelling list #18 was sent home. Remember to study throughout the week!

In Math we will continue to practice adding two digit numbers (without regrouping) and creating picture graphs.

2nd Grade

This week we will continue reading the story One Foot, Now the Other. Workbook pages 27-28 are due Friday.

Spelling list #21 was sent home. Our test will be on Friday!

In Math we are still practicing how to subtract two digit numbers with borrowing. We will be measuring and drawing line segments using centimeters, multiplying by 1 and by 100, and finding the perimeter of a shape.

Grade 3 and Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyer

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Fourth graders were invited to join choir a couple of weeks ago. Khloe, Oliver, and Mathew decided to join, and they are loving it!

Students should be studying for their Stations of the Cross test that will be Thursday, March 5. They will be given the stations out of order. Students need to put them in order. A picture will be provided for each station as well. A study guide was sent home last week, and we review almost daily during religion class.

February reading logs are due Monday, March 2! Because we basically only have two weeks of school in March, we are going to do something a little different for a reading log. Look for that on Monday!

I hope to see you at the fish fry!

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

Our field trip with the 5-8 grades to Aurora City Park to experience the Virginia Repertory Theatre's performance of "Sweet Chariot" is this Friday. Thanks to the Aurora Public Library for sponsoring this.

We have finished the unit about the meeting of cultures from Europe and the Americas in Social studies. In math we are multiplying and dividing decimals and we are discussing Lent in Religion. We will participate in the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 2:00 p.m. in church.

Hope to see everyone at the Fish Fries.

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

The 6th graders had a math test last Wed. They were returned on Thursday to correct. The 7th grade has a math test next Tuesday. The 8th grade is working on factoring polynomials. Keep up the good work. The 5th /6th grade science class is continuing studying the solar system.

See you at the Fish Fry!

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

We've had a busy week filled with a hot chocolate party, Ash Wednesday, visits and interviews, Stations of the Cross, and a field trip to see a play called "Sweet Chariot". The play and transportation were sponsored by the Aurora Public Library District. It is wonderful to be able to see a first rate performance of a historical narrative locally and at no cost to us!

Our schedule is not as full with extra events the next two weeks, so we will be able to concentrate on finishing our stories in language arts and continue our study of other countries and the Constitution in social studies. We only have two weeks of classes until the third quarter ends, so this is a great time for students to stay on top of all their work. Since Leap Year only comes around once every four years, enjoy your bonus February day tomorrow!

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

Congratulations to our 8th grade girls' team (which also included some seventh graders) for their victories at Oldenburg last Saturday! They are the Oldenburg 2020 Girls Classic Champions. Thanks to Mrs. Wismann for coaching them. They've had an amazing two year record!

We profited \$592.00 from our Mission Festival last Friday, and the 8th graders have designated the funds to go equally to Boys Town USA, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Retired Religious Fund, and St. Mary's Parish for the repair of our tower bell ringing system. These have received Father's approval.

This past week we have spent a good amount of time discussing Lent and Lenten sacrifices, and we've prepared for our weekly Way of the Cross which we do on Fridays (except Holy Week, when we pray the Way of the Cross on Holy Thursday) at 2:00 P.M. We have also written letters to our Dearborn Youth Council pen pals and worked on materials to display in the Activity Center for Lent. In addition, we have read intensely in The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. It's been a busy week!

Hope to see you at the Fish Fry, and God be with you all!

7th and 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank**brookbank.science@mystmarys.com**

The 7th and 8th completed the lab emphasizing the neutralization of Citric Acid using the base sodium hydroxide. The use of an indicator was presented in this lab and multiple exemplars were discussed how bases and acids are used in our local industry. The eighth grade will conduct a second lab concerning neutralization in greater detail. The 7th grade will move to a second lesson on Genetics.

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: 03/02 – Pat Scharf, 03/03 – Kay Gigerich, 03/04 – Marge Waldon, 03/05 – Charlotte DeVille, 03/06 – Monica Ramsey, 03/09 – Diane Peters, 03/10 – Connie Powers, 03/11 – Marge Waldon, 03/12 – Jill Zigan, 03/13 – Monica Ramsey, 03/30 – Pat Scharf, 03/31 – Kay Gigerich

Playground Volunteers: 03/02 – HELP NEEDED, 03/03 – Connie Powers, 03/04 – Randi McGraw, 03/05 – Jill Zigan, 03/06 – HELP NEEDED, 03/09 – HELP NEEDED, 03/10 – HELP NEEDED, 03/11 – Randi McGraw, 03/12 – HELP NEEDED, 03/13 – HELP NEEDED, 03/30 – Carolyn Manford, 03/31 – Connie Powers

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

March 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
3-Way Tossed Salad Crackers Green Beans Fruit Milk	Popcorn Chicken Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Hamburger or Pizza Burger Fries Baked Beans Fruit Milk	Taco (Beef or Chicken) Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks with Dip Fruit Milk

Calendar of Events:

Saturday, March 7th	Academic Competition at OA from 9 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, March 10th	Athletic Banquet at 5:50 p.m. in the Activity Center
Friday, March 13th	End of the 3rd Quarter
	St. Mary's Fish Fry (2 of 5)
March 16 – 20th	Provisional Spring Break
Friday, March 20th	St. Mary's Fish Fry (3 of 5)
March 23 – 27th	Spring Break – No School
Friday, March 27th	St. Mary's Fish Fry (4 of 5)
March 30th – April 9th	IREAD Testing Window – Grade 3
Tuesday, March 31st	Principal Meeting at 6:30 p.m. – School Cafeteria
Thursday, April 2nd	3rd Quarter Report Cards sent home
Friday, April 3rd	St. Mary's Fish Fry (5 of 5)
Wednesday, April 8	Grandparent's Day
April 20th – May 15th	ILEARN Testing Window – Grades 3-8
Thursday, April 23rd	4th Quarter 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:

St. Mary's Video

Take a few minutes and check out a video that Mr. Brookbank and Lydia Bennett prepared to submit to Institute of Quality Education Video Challenge. The video has general information about St. Mary's and video footage of kids in the classroom!

Ctrl + Click to follow the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8Ty4mXu6dI>

Shout to the Lord

You Tube link to the song

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_aJauL2xKA



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