

**The Bulldog Barks**  
**January 22, 2021**

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**We are in need of bottled water again! If you can find the smaller water bottles they are helpful with the younger children. Please encourage your children to come with their water bottles filled from home. We appreciate any donations.**

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**Mr. Dennis - Principal**

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We are only a week away from Catholic Schools Week! We are very excited, and we know some of the kids have been talking about it at home. This week, we included rules for the online talent show. Also, we are including the week's agenda to remind everyone what's happening each day. There will even be some surprises along the way. We are grateful that you choose our Catholic school!

Next Wednesday is the last Mass of the month, so it will be time for the giving basket.

Next week is National School Choice Week. You can see all of the national activities at <https://schoolchoiceweek.com/>. Please feel free to tweet, post, snap share, or do whatever you do to promote families having a say where their children attend school.

Please don't forget the parent meeting in church on January 29 at 6:30. We will be discussing future plans for our students in the 2021-2022 school year.

**PreK – Mrs. Strasemeier, Mrs. Wismann, and Mrs. Dozier**

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We had all kinds of fun with the letter P and all the characters on Paw Patrol this week! We had Paw Patrol toys, masks, books, and activities and we think the kiddos really enjoyed it!

Next week we will be moving onto the letter Q. We will talk about queens, quilts and quails as well. We will also be looking at the number 14 and reviewing the shapes we have learned as well as looking at 3D shapes. We will begin our discussions on 3D shapes with the sphere.

Our class is already running low on glue sticks! I knew this time would come but didn't realize we would be running low this early in the year. If you are willing and able, we would really appreciate you sending in the smaller Elmer's glue sticks. The kiddos have a difficult time with the fatter glue sticks.

Thank you so much in advance! We truly appreciate your kindness!

Have a great week!

**Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**[amy.denning@mystmarys.com](mailto:amy.denning@mystmarys.com)

In phonics next week we will be focusing on letter Vv; keyword-vest. We will add 3 words to our list of “pop-ups”. We will also work with syllables, and listen for ending sounds in words. We are reading our “pop-up” words and color words on a regular basis in class, practice at home is always appreciated. In math we will be working with cup and quart containers, and identify if they are full, half-full, or empty. We will learn how to follow a simple recipe. We have been counting by 5's to 100. Please practice at home.

Show-n-Tell for the week of January 25 will be **Kk**.

Have a super week!

**Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson**[mcperson.1@mystmarys.com](mailto:mcperson.1@mystmarys.com)

In Phonics we are learning that a usually makes a schwa sound in an open, unaccented syllable (as in ago). We will also be learning the three sounds of digraph ea (as in leaf, thread, and steak).

Spelling list # 14 was sent home. Remember to study all 12 words and the sentence that is on the back of the sheet!

**Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove**[annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com](mailto:annmarie.grove@mystmarys.com)

We planted our “grassheads” this week. We are learning why trees grow so tall.

We are memorizing the Act of Contrition. Adding three 2-digit numbers in math is proving to be a challenge and so is telling time to 5-minute intervals. But we will keep practicing and never give up! Please don't forget to check the schedule of Catholic Schools Week, that came home Tuesday, so you won't miss out on any of the fun activities the week after next!

**Grade 3 and Grade 4- Mr. Rector**[adam.rector@mystmarys.com](mailto:adam.rector@mystmarys.com)

Hello Everyone! On Thursday of this week, I will be giving Third Grade the practice test for the IREAD. This is a statewide standardized test that happens in March. I will have an online lesson for Fourth Grade while Third Grade does the practice test. Journal and reading logs are due on Friday. Make sure you are reading enough to reach your goal! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

**Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice**[suzy.rice@mystmarys.com](mailto:suzy.rice@mystmarys.com)

Students should be asking for odd jobs or chores to do to earn money for Catholic Relief Services during Catholic Schools Week. They were given a form to fill in chores that they do and money they earn. They are also planning what Saint they want to dress as on Thursday of CSW. Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 30-Feb. 5.

Grades 5-8 will have VEX IQ Robotics competitions on Thursday afternoons after lunch starting Feb. 4. We will have 2 fields and keep score by team. There are 5 teams. The Lego Robotics will have the opportunity to share what they are working on.

The 5th grade should be mastering their multiplication facts. Practicing a few times a day sure helps. PRACTICE!!!!

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

We have had a busy week in social studies. Along with our regular studies, we took time out to watch the inauguration. Learning about our government and how it works is an important part of our curriculum. Only one more presidential election to watch in four years before most of the fifth through eighth graders will be able to participate themselves in eight years.

In language arts, both classes have been doing some reflection in their writing. Fifth through seventh graders will begin writing personal narratives as well. They will also be doing some research and writing about a nonfiction topic as well. Don't forget to check out the Catholic Schools Week calendar. Several students are planning on participation in the virtual talent contest and also they are on the lookout for interesting saints to dress up as. Don't wait until the last minute to get ready for those events. Have a great week!

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

We began our week by working on essays developed around a Martin Luther King, Jr. quote: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Some of the students' insights were beautiful and well-put.

On Thursday and Friday this week, students in grades five through eight prayed the rosary for the Cause of Life. We all need to pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia, and other forms of disrespect for human life.

The eighth graders read on in our current novel, and both seventh and eighth graders are getting sharper in preparation for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade religion assessment in early February.

Don't forget that book reports for January will be due next Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**KEEP IN MIND THAT ALL RELIGION AND VOCABULARY BOOKS SHOULD BE KEPT IN STUDENT BACKPACKS WHEN NOT IN USE, AS WELL AS THE NOVEL WE ARE CURRENTLY READING. THIS IS AN ONGOING ASSIGNMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

God be with you!

[brookbank.science@mystmarys.com](mailto:brookbank.science@mystmarys.com)**5th/6th SCIENCE:**

The entire week was spent on focusing on the Solar System. The students made a poster of basic facts concerning the solar system. We discussed space travel and the many obstacles that make space travel difficult. The week ended with the students completing their Solar System diorama and their work was FANTASTIC!

**7th/8th SCIENCE:**

This week we covered the basic terminology and introduced the Punnett Square. We completed on Friday our first karyotype of a human. The students were given a set of chromosomes in which one of five options were in their possession. By matching the chromosomes into pairs and constructing the karyotype they were able to diagnose the genetic syndrome. Next week we will attempt to find genetic problems focusing on the genes upon the chromosomes.

## Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at [www.mystmarys.com](http://www.mystmarys.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:

11:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. – K-1  
11:30 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. – Grades 2 - 4  
11:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. - PreK  
12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Grades 5 – 8

### Recess:

11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. – Grades K – 1  
12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. – Grades 2 – 4

### Cafeteria and Playground hours:

**Cafe:** First lunch is served at 11:00 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. Serve three lunch periods and help clean up kitchen, wash dishes, etc.

**Playground:** First recess is at 11:35 a.m., so arrive 10 – 15 minutes early. You will help the teacher supervise students on playground, Activity Center or at the park (depending on weather).

### Cafeteria Volunteers:

1/25/21-Diane Patterson, 1/26/21-Kay Gigerich, 1/27/21-Marge Waldon, 1/28/21-Charlotte Deville, 1/29/21-Lisa Grove

### Playground Volunteers:

1/25/21-Tara Schuler, 1/26/21-Connie Powers, 1/27/21-HELP NEEDED, 1/28/21-HELP NEEDED, 1/29/21-HELP NEEDED

**\*\*We need more playground volunteers. If you can help on any day, please call the school office at 812-926-1558!**

**Lunch Menu: ~~\$17.50 per ticket (5 meals)~~ All meals are free for all students, until further notice.**

25 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Bread Carrots Fruit Milk	26 Chicken Strips Scalloped Potatoes Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	27 Pizza Veggie Sticks w/ dip Fruit Milk	28 Taco Beef or Chicken Refried Beans Corn Fruit Milk	29 Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick w/ Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit Milk
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## BoxTops

I am Nicole Eaglin, and I am the Box Tops for Education Coordinator for St. Mary's School. For those of you not familiar with Box Tops for Education, there are several products our school is able to earn money on just because we purchase those items. St. Mary's receives \$.10 for every Box Top label submitted.



Box Tops money may be earned two ways. Some products have labels on the box that you can turn into your child's teacher. I take care of submitting these for reimbursement.

Now Box Tops has gone digital. Just download the Box Tops for Education App. If you purchase items that have a digital label, just scan your receipt. Our school will earn money and receive a check for those items. If you need any help setting up your app or if you simply have any questions, please contact me at [nreaglin@comcast.net](mailto:nreaglin@comcast.net). I appreciate all of your help in earning money for St. Mary's School.

## Ronald McDonald – pop tabs

To many, a pop tab is just a piece of aluminum with one purpose – to open a can. But to Ronald McDonald House Charities, these teeny tiny pop tabs are a valuable resource. Why? Collected pop tabs are recycled, generating much-needed funds to support the House and the nearly 5,000 families we serve each year.



Funds received from the recycling of tabs typically add up to between \$30,000 and \$50,000 annually. All this money goes to the operating expenses of the Ronald McDonald House Charities and can cover the cost of operating 3 rooms in the House for an entire year.

Thanks to generous school children, families, businesses, clubs, and churches, over one billion pop tabs have been donated since the program's inception in 1995, generating more than \$820,000 in pop tab revenue for the House.

There is a yellow can by the FYI Board in the school lobby. Send in any pull tabs with your child(ren) and we will get them to the appropriate person.

# Calendar of Events:

Monday, January 25, 2021	5/6 girls b-ball 5:30 at Dillsboro
Tuesday, January 26, 2021	7/8 girls b-ball 5:30 at Home vs. Switzerland County
Wednesday, January 27, 2021	Mass @ 9:00 6 <sup>th</sup> girls b-ball 5:30 at Home vs. Manchester 7 <sup>th</sup> girls b-ball 6:30 at Home vs. St. Lawrence
Thursday, January 28, 2021	7/8 girls b-ball 5:30 at Home vs. South Dearborn
Friday, January 29, 2021	Parent Meeting in Church @ 6:30 p.m.
January 31-February 6, 2021	Catholic Schools Week

## School Theme for 2020/2021

Friends I have a youtube video of our school theme song. I think the words: Your Grace is Enough will work well for this crazy time.

Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LISbMRp0Y64>

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Rev. Benjamin Syberg  
Pastor of St. Mary's and St. Lawrence Catholic Churches



## Join us on Social Media:

- Like. Follow. Share on Facebook: **St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception**
- Follow us on Instagram: **myst.marys**

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