

The Bulldog Barks
February 5, 2021

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.

It's time once again for the St. Mary's Lenten Fish Fry Season. Ash Wednesday is fast approaching, and our first Fish Fry is February 19th. We are going to have 4 dates this year and they will all be Drive Thru as we had in the Fall. 2 Drive Thru lanes and lots of minnows (students) running around delivering orders!

I'm attaching the flyer with the details and the link below to sign up for a shift or two!. We need students 5th-8th to sign up to work with their parents. This is also an easy way for High School students to get service/volunteer hours, and are welcome to sign up. Any spot that is an outside position we will be rotating people around to give breaks if the weather is not ideal. You will need to dress appropriately for the weather, although we are planning to have tents with sides and heaters to stay warm.

<https://signup.com/go/FXLQpkv>

The newest addition to the Fish Fry this year is the start of online ordering. We have created forms on the parish website that you can fill out and order your dinners, choosing your pick up time & pay with a credit card! The forms are available here <https://www.mystmarys.com/fish-fry>

Most volunteer spots are the same or similar to what they have been in the past. We are serving from 4:30-7:30 on Fridays. With us being spread out over 2 drive thru lanes outside, we really can't start serving until we have most workers here and ready. I have adjusted the start time to 4:15 for the spots we need to have ready so we can start serving on time. We usually have a line forming 30 minutes before we start, so starting on time is essential.

Please spread the word about this years' Fish Fry's and share our updated flyer.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks for volunteering,
Michelle Ryan & The Fish Fry Committee

Mr. Dennis - Principal**randy.dennis@mystmarys.com**

We have had a great Catholic Schools Week! The kids and teachers had a lot of fun and really celebrated St. Mary's. Throughout the week, we:

- Raised \$300 for Catholic Relief Services
- Raised \$100 for St. Vincent De Paul
- Collected 12 boxes of goods for the troops
- Held our first ever Geography Bee
- Had an awesome Saint Competition
- Gave thank you notes for all of the teachers
- Enjoyed hot chocolate
- Devoured a delicious breakfast together
- Had a virtual talent show
- Participated in Eucharistic Adoration
- Brought in special treats for our teachers
- Prayed and learned together

I will be contacting all families in the coming weeks to discuss the announcement from last week. It is my sincere desire to speak to every family about the future.

Please enjoy the attached video. We recorded "Your Grace is Enough" with grades 3-8 as a gift for Father Ben's vocation.

Thank you for all of your help in making Catholic Schools Week great for the kids!!!

PreK – Mrs. Strasemeier, Mrs. Wismann, and Mrs. Palmer**prek@mystmarys.com**

Next week is going to be one exciting week in Preschool at St. Mary's! We are going to be talking about the letter S and it is going to be full of superheroes and fun! We are planning to bring in all of the super hero toys we can find for the kiddos to play with and they are beyond excited!

We will also be talking about snow and spiders for our letter S week. The kiddos will be talking about the number 16 and 3D shapes, especially the sphere. We are also working on counting to 20 and one-to-one counting small groups of items.

Have a super week!!

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning**amy.denning@mystmarys.com**

We will have an e-Learning day on Wednesday, February 10. Assignments will be sent home on Tuesday, 2/9. All work needs to be returned to school on Thursday, Feb. 11.

We will be focusing on letter Xx (ks sound)- keyword- fox(ending sound). We will be doing a lot of sentence reading and writing. We will also be listening for initial, medial, and final sounds to spell our caterpillar words. You could help practice at home by using the word lists that have been sent home.

In math we will be working with geoboards, measuring items using non-standard units, and doing addition and subtraction story problems.

Show-n-tell for next week will be letter Bb.

Midterm letters will be coming home on Thursday, Feb. 11. Please sign and return to school.

Our Valentine celebration will be Friday, Feb. 12. A class list was sent home Tuesday. If you didn't get yours, please let me know.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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We have an eLearning day on Wednesday, February 10th. The students should complete Packet #5.

Our Valentin’s Day Party will be on Friday, February 12th! Don’t forget to bring your valentines!

In Phonics we will be learning to read and spell new words with final, stable syllable –tion (as in lotion) and digraph ue (as in glue).

In Math we will be telling time to the half hour, dividing shapes into fourths, and coloring halves and fourths.

Grade 2 – Mrs. Grove

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We had a blast with all the cool Catholic Schools Week activities. It was also impressive to see all the acts of generosity and kindness our students performed this week. Thank you, parents, for entrusting your children to us!

Keep practicing telling time at home please!

Grade 3 and Grade 4- Mr. Rector

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Hello Everyone! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day in class on Friday, February 12th. I am sending home an information sheet with this newsletter. If you still have questions after reading it, let me know. Next week we will be ELearning on Wednesday. Teachers will have professional development that day. Students will be allowed to bring home their chromebooks. I will review the rules for having computers at home, but they will also be on Google Classroom. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Grade 5 and Grade 6 – Mrs. Rice

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What a great Catholic Schools Week! I hope you feel as appreciated as I do! The robotics teams had their first meet on Thursday afternoon. It went well. Congratulations to all of the teams. Telletubbies placed first. William Hollander gets the spirit award for figuring out how to fix his team’s robot.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rector

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We had a terrific Catholic Schools Week! Thanks to Mr. Dennis, Ms. Emily, Mr. Vincent, and everyone else who had a hand in making it a special week. The amount of participation by students was awesome. Congratulations to Elliot, Maddie, and Laura for being the top three in the Geography Bee. Many others did very well, just missing one or two questions. We even had our traditional Catholic Schools Week snow day!

Next week we will attempt to return to normal somewhat, knowing that there is already an elearning day scheduled for Wednesday. The teachers will be in meetings all day at school, so work will either be sent home on Tuesday or posted on Google Classroom on Wednesday morning. Please make sure your student is completing all elearning work assignments. Some don’t seem to take them as seriously as they would in school. The work assigned on those days needs to be completed so that we can count those days! Have a terrific week! Keep warm this weekend!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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We've enjoyed the special activities for Catholic Schools Week; thanks to everyone who helped in any way. Congratulations to those who dressed as saints, participated in the Geography Bee, and submitted entries for the virtual talent show!

On Tuesday we were visited by Mrs. Sally Bender from South Dearborn High School. Mrs. Bender shared information about Indiana high school education in general and South Dearborn in particular. If there is even a small chance that your son or daughter will go to South Dearborn High School, it will be wise to fill out the information so that the student would get the desired classes. If a student ends up going to another high school, the registration at South Dearborn can simply be canceled.

Fifth and eighth graders should be taking the religion assessment this coming week. The memorization assignment for religion for February will be to memorize the sacraments: (initiation: baptism, Eucharist, confirmation; service: matrimony and holy orders; and healing: reconciliation and anointing of the sick).

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 all!

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7th/8th SCIENCE: This week we concluded our second karyotype on the human heredity. This lab concentrated on gene location and the skills necessary to detect certain traits and genetic syndromes. We will spend two days on mastering the technique of completing and reading a Punnett Square. Next week we will begin our last lab on Genetics in a more detailed lab on Genetic Syndromes.

5th/6th SCIENCE: The Genetic section we are going to master involves terminology and basic chromosomal recognition. Students will complete a lab attempting to match chromosomes based on similar characteristics.

Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at 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:

2/8/21-Diane Patterson, 2/9/21-Kay Gigerich, 2/10/21-eLearning Day, 2/11/21-Nanci Ross, 2/12/21-Lisa Grove, 2/15/21-Diane Patterson, 2/16/21-Kay Gigerich, 2/17/21-Marge Waldon, 2/18/21-Charlotte Deville, 2/19/21-Lisa Grove, 2/22/21-Diane Patterson, 2/23/21-Kay Gigerich, 2/24/21-Marge Waldon, 2/25/21-Charlotte Deville, 2/26/21-Lisa Grove

Playground Volunteers:

2/8/21-Tara Schuler, 2/9/21-Connie Powers, 2/10/21-elearning Day, 2/11/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/12/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/15/21-Tara Schuler, 2/16/21-Connie Powers, 2/17/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/18/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/19/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/22/21-Tara Schuler, 2/23/21-Connie Powers, 2/24/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/25/21-HELP NEEDED, 2/26/21-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.

<p>8</p> <p>3-Way Tossed Salad Green Beans Crackers Fruit Milk</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk</p>	<p>10</p> <p>E Learning Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pork Taco Hard or Soft Shell Pinto Beans Corn Fruit Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Mini Corn Dogs FF Carrot w/ Dip Fruit Milk</p>
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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. 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, February 8, 2021

6th Girls b-ball 5:30 @ Manchester
7/8 Girls b-ball 5:30 @ Greendale

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Elearning Day for students
5/6 Girls b-ball 5:30 @ Aurora
7/8 Girls b-ball 6:00 @ St. Louis

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Midterms sent home
5/6 Girls b-ball 5:30 @ Home

Friday, February 12, 2021

Student Mass @ 9:00

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



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