

The Bulldog Barks November 9, 2018

Mr. Brookbank – Principal brookbank.science@mystmarys.com

Tuesday, November 13th will be the next School Commission/Keep the Doors Open meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to join.

Saint of the Month

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini



We have created a separate page with information on *Keeping the Doors Open* campaign at the end of the Bulldog.

Donations can be made online at www.mystmarys.com.

Cash or checks can be dropped off or mailed to school office at 211 Fourth Street, Aurora, IN 47001. Make checks payable to St. Mary's School.

Night of Prayer

Join us as we place our prayer requests at the foot of the cross. St. Mary's Church Monday, November 19th from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

We welcome parishioners, parents, students and the community to join us in a night of prayer and worship at St. Mary's Church. Our beloved school is in financial hardships. We want to pour out our hearts in prayer to ask God to stir the hearts of many to keep the doors of St. Mary's School open. Through worship, we will be giving all the Glory to God. We serve a mighty God who can work miracles through prayer. Let's flood the heavens and be bold in our ask!

We would also like to encourage people to start praying the Novena leading up to the night of prayer.

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! The cost is only \$2.25 per half hour! If you have any question about the After School Care, please call the office or email Ms. McPherson at mcperson.1@mystmarys.com.

Connie Powers, CRE

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Confirmation Retreat will be on Saturday, November 17th at Camp River Ridge. Information and forms have been sent home. Forms and fee are due by Sunday, November 11th .

Family Formation Night: Mary: The Yes that Changed the World.

Saturday, December 8th at 6 p.m.; after the 5 p.m. mass. All are invited to participate. Dinner and activities will be provided.

St. Mary's Spirit Wear shirts

We have a couple of people that want to order additional t-shirts. These are the blue t-shirts with Celebrate St. Mary's logo on the front and "A Legacy of Excellence" on the back. The shirts we all wore in the Farmer's Fair parade! If you would like a shirt please contact the school office by Friday, November 16th. Shirts are \$12.00/each. Checks are to be made payable to: Sew What Embroidery

Basketball Shirts

The shirts that were passed out to the boys yesterday need to have some work done on them (some of the lettering on some of the shirts started peeling off). Will you also add that if they dry the shirts they should use it on a cool cycle. Please return the shirts you ordered to school on Monday and we will have them fixed and returned ASAP. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Catholic Schools Week Preparation

Our S.T.O. has concluded a coin drop as a fundraiser to help us bring a special science program to St. Mary's for Catholic Schools week at the end of January. We raised about half of what we need to be able to make a contract with the presenter. If you would like to help with a monetary donation, please contact Ann in the office.

School Payments

Don't forget that school lunch, book and technology fees, and tuition may be paid online at www.mystmarys.com.

Box Tops for Education

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



Box Tops Clips are found on hundreds of product packages and are worth \$.10 for our school. All you need to do is send them to school before they expire! You can also drop them off in the back of church and we will pick them up. St. Mary's has a goal to raise \$1,000 this school year.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Denning

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A gentle reminder- please make sure your child brings a warm coat, hat, and gloves/mittens when it is cold. If your daughter is wearing a skirt or jumper, make sure she has tights underneath. We do go outside for recess and the children need to be bundled and warm.

This week in phonics we will be working with 2 letters; Kk- keyword- kite, and Bb- keyword- balloon. We will also be working with rhyming words and syllables, and get 2 new “pop-up” words- **have, from.**

Show-n-Tell for next week will be letter Gg- hard sound, as in goat. We will not have Show-n-Tell the week of Nov. 19.

Midterm letters for the second grading period will be sent home on Thursday, November 15th. Please remember to sign and return them to school.

Grade 1 – Ms. McPherson

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Our Primary Christmas Program will be held in Church on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. The 1st graders should meet in the cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. The students are being asked to wear nice dress clothes!

In Phonics we will be reading and spelling new words that include final, stable syllables –ble (as in bubble), -fle (as in ruffle), -ple (as in staple), -dle (as in candle).

In Math we are practicing how to divide shape in half and how to write the fraction one half.

Grade 2 & 3 – Mrs. Groveannmarie.grove@mystmarys.com

Giant puppets from High Point Health, called “Kids on the Block”, visited our classroom Thursday, to teach us about what child abuse is and is not. They were informative and funny.

We will also have a program titled, Endless Possibilities on Monday. It is presented by our own alumna, Morgan Tedesco Jobst, from Safe Passages, Inc. Safe Passages is the Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention Service in our area. The program for second and third graders, Endless Possibilities, is a character building program. We discuss boundaries, rejection and ostracism. We learn about empowerment and how to support our peers.

It is not too late to turn in the second grade October “Book-It” log with a parent signature for a free pizza coupon.

Grade 4 – Mrs. Meyeramanda.meyer@mystmarys.com

Our multiplication math chapter is coming to an end. Students will have their Chapter 4 test on Wednesday. Next comes division! Students are always scared of division, but soon realize, it isn't too bad if they know their multiplication facts. Keep practicing!

We are taking a break from our reading text book to read another novel. This will begin Wednesday. Students will be part of a small group. Each group will be reading a different book. Students will be expected to read, complete journal responses, participate in discussions, and complete reading response activities. I hope students enjoy the book I have chosen for them.

Midterms go home Thursday! Have a great week!

Grade 5 – Mrs. Bakerleslie.baker@mystmarys.com

Fifth graders are continuing our unit over tall tales this week. We have read four different tales in class and will start creating our own tall tales. We will share our tales with some of the younger classes! In math, we are finishing up our chapter over division. We will have a test next week. Check your child's assignment book for updates on the test date.

Midterms will go home on Thursday. Please sign and return your child's midterm as soon as possible. I will include an AR update on the midterm. Students should be about halfway to their goal at midterm in order to meet it by the end of the quarter. Have a great week!

Grade 6 – Mrs. Ricesuzy.rice@mystmarys.com

Midterms will go home on Thursday, November 15th. Please sign and return one copy. The 6th grade is continuing their study of ecosystems, specifically biodiversity. The 7th grade has a math test on Wednesday, November 14th. They will get a practice test/study guide on Monday. We will go over it on Tuesday. The 8th grade has a chapter 4 test next Thursday, November 15th.

Grade 7 – Mrs. Rectorkim.rector@mystmarys.com

The sixth grade is continuing their study of Europe. The seventh grade continues to explore Africa, while the eighth graders are discovering the events that led up to the Revolutionary War. The Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party are both on the agenda for the week. Students also chose a current event to report about to the class. Overall they did a good job and this assignment may be part of the eLearning packet in case of a snow day in the future. Have a terrific week!

Grade 8 – Mr. Waldon

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8th graders interested in service time for confirmation may come to Hillforest this Sunday from 4:15 until 5:00 p.m. to help get out the Christmas decorations. Tourists never get to see the basement, so this is your chance! (Be ready to stoop; even the teacher is too tall in Hillforest's basement.)

This past week our journal topics included "Tell about your dentist," "Tell about a contest you've entered," and "Tell about something you remember from second grade." (Sixth graders just write one journal entry each week.) Reading the students' writing is great entertainment! Visitors to the school can see samples of their writing on the walls in the upstairs hallway.

In grammar, we are working on identifying prepositions and prepositional phrases, and we read on in literature in each grade.

This week 7th and 8th graders again prayed the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary and were joined by the students from grades 4, 5, and 6 as we continue to pray for our parish and our school. Everyone (parents, parishioners, and other guests) may join us!

Keep selling those raffle tickets!

God bless.

Lessons and Carols

Our annual Lessons and Carols service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5th in our church. **This is a required activity for all students in grades four through eight.** Anyone who does not participate will be assigned a research project appropriate for the student's grade level. Students in grades four and five must wear a St. Mary's School uniform for the service.

7th & 8th Grade Science – Mr. Brookbank

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Both classes completed a lab on Tuesday concentrating on solutions and concentrations of solids. The purpose of the lab was to expose students to concepts such as density, strength of concentrations and relationship to solutions in daily life. We will begin a new unit, beginning on Friday of "THE ANIMAL CELL." The organelles of the cell and functions will be extensively studied. I will attempt to connect the importance of the individual cell and the intricate processes of life that the cell controls.

Area Catholic High School Open House

Prospective students and their families are invited to attend Open Houses at area Catholic high schools. Check individual websites for more information.

Oldenburg Academy	Sunday, November 11	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
St. Xavier	Sunday, November 11	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saint of the Month

November – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

The Kindergarteners have chosen St. Francis Xavier Cabrini for our November saint. Her saint day is November 13th. She is the patron of immigrants and hospital administrators.

Frances Xavier Cabrini MSC (Italian: Francesca Saverio Cabrini; July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917, died at age 67), also called Mother Cabrini, was an Italian-American religious sister, who founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a Catholic religious institute that was a major support to the Italian immigrants to the United States. She was the first naturalized citizen of the United States to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church, on July 7, 1946.

Cafeteria/Playground

Contact Aimee Hollingsworth at 744-8738, to sign up for cafeteria and playground duty. The schedule is online at 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. – Grades 3 – 5
 11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 2
 12:00 p.m. – Grades 6 – 8

Recess:

11 – 11:35 a.m. – Grades K – 2
 11:55 – 12:20 a.m. – Grades 3 – 5
 12:25 – 12:45 p.m. – Grades 6-8

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. You should be finished around 12:45 p.m.

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:

11/12 – Diane Peters, 11/13 – Help Needed, 11/14 – Marge Waldon, 11/15 – Help Needed, 11/16 – Monica Ramsey, 11/19 – Help Needed, 11/20 - Marge Beinkemper, 11/26 – Pat Scharf, 11/27 – Help Needed, 11/28 – Marge Waldon, 11/29 – Help Needed, 11/30 – Monica Ramsey

Playground Volunteers:

11/12 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 11/13 – Help Needed, 11/14 – Help Needed, 11/15 – Chris Strzok, 11/16 – Chris Strzok, 11/19 – Bernadine/Carlyn, 11/20 – Help Needed, 11/26 – Bernadine/Carolyn, 11/27 – Help Needed, 11/28 – Help Needed, 11/29 – Chris Strzok, 11/30 – Chris Strzok

Lunch Menu: \$15.00 per ticket (5 meals)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12	13	14	15	16
Rotini & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Green Beans Bread Stick Fruit Milk	Chicken Nuggets Buttered Noodles Corn Green Beans Fruit Milk	Pizza (pepperoni or cheese) Veggie Sticks with Dip Fruit Milk	Chicken Rice Bowl Corn Black Beans - cheese, lettuce, salsa and sour cream available Fruit Milk	Cheese Stuffed Bread Stick with Pizza Sauce Tossed Salad Mixed Vegetable Fruit Milk

Miracle on Main Street – Sunday, November 25th

A fun day is being planned for Sunday, November 25th in downtown Aurora at the City Building located at 235 Main Street. Starting at 3 p.m. – 5 p.m., will be the Bethlehem Experience. There will be crafts, fun activities, and refreshments for the whole family. The Christmas parade starts at 6 p.m., which concludes with Santa and Mrs. Clause coming to town. The evening ends with the lighting of the Christmas tree, treats, visits and pictures with Santa in the Lion’s Club. Hope you can attend this exciting community event!



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St. Mary's School has been known as a legacy of excellence in the parish and in the community. We are striving and praying that we can continue this level of excellence by continuing to keep the doors of school open. We as a parish and school have had some financial hardships and are hoping to reach out to the parishoners and community to help financially contribute to our 'Keep the Doors Open' campaign. We have several ideas in the works to produce more income in the future (i.e. preschool, scholarship program) and will also be making cuts to become financially sustainable. Please consider making a financial contribution to our school for the children in this community.

Our website www.mystmarys.com is the best way to donate! If you would rather write a check, you can drop off directly to school, or mail to the address above.

As of 11/08/2018:	39 Donations	\$15,560 raised	\$384,440 remaining
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Current Progress

1. There will be an announcement at each mass the weekend of November 9th and 10th. Additionally, we will have a student read their essay on why like/love St. Mary's at each mass.
2. Parishioner letter will be mailed shortly, see attached.
3. Finalizing donation letters for Alumni and business owners.
4. Contribution cards are available. Call the school office or email Ann Hutchinson at ann.hutchinson@mystmarys.com and she can email you a form.
5. Ellen Bruce and Laurie Fisher are gathering Alumni addresses. So if you are contacted, please provide them with updated mailing addresses.
6. Beth McCabe will work on radio advertising with Eagle Country (we have a few spots paid for that we will be utilizing).

Bake Sale

Jamie Ruter - 812-655-4047 / Lyndsay Hays - 812-907-0312

There are many students that want to actively help raise money for their school and this is one way they can help. Lyndsay has arranged for us to sell baked goods at Walmart on Saturday, November 17th. This is the weekend before Thanksgiving, so some people might buy desserts for Thanksgiving. We need people to make homemade pies, pumpkin rolls, etc.

You can drop off items at school on Friday, November 16th or drop off items on Saturday at Walmart. If you can help please call Jamie or Lyndsay.

Adult Voices of Indiana – December 16, 2018 at 2 p.m.

Linda Rehtin

Voices of Indiana was formed to provide quality music education and a challenging choral experience to our community at large. Serving the areas in and around Dearborn County, Voices of Indiana consists of multiple programs for singers of all ages. Voices of Indiana was formed to provide quality music education and a challenging choral experience to our community at large. Serving the areas in and around Dearborn County, Voices of Indiana consists of multiple programs for singers of all ages.

Adult Voices of Indiana will be performing at St. Mary's on Sunday, December 16 at 2 p.m. in the church. Free will donations accepted. All proceeds will be donated to St. Mary's.

God Will Make a Way

[Don Moen](#)

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way, He will make a way
Oh, God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength for each new day
He will make a way, He will make a way
By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me
And rivers in the desert will I see
Heaven and Earth will fade but His Word will still remain
And He will do something new today
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Songwriters: Don Moen

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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4-H

4-H Achievement Banquet was held on Saturday, November 4th and 4-H members received pins for their high achievement for projects.

Ellie Ryan

- People in my World
- Archery
- Computer

Maddie Ryan

- Archery
- Shotgun

Bernadette Wismann

- Wildlife
- Weather
- Beekeeping

Nicholas Wismann

- Shooting Sports
- Woodworking
- Electric

Student Teacher Organization members:

Eighth grade: Jake Daugherty, Will Hollingsworth, Cyndi Tush

Seventh grade: Thaddeus Eaglin, Bernadette Wismann, Beth Zigan

Sixth grade: Elana Hollingsworth, Lakota Vincent, Chris Woodruff

Calendar of Events:

Friday, November 9th	Midterm Ends
Tuesday, November 13th	School Commission/Keep the Doors Open meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.
Thursday, November 15th	Midterm Reports sent home
Saturday, November 17th	Confirmation Retreat (Grades 7 &8)
November 21 – 23	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday, December 5th	Primary Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m. (Grades K-3) Lessons and Carols service at 7 p.m. (Grades 4-8)
Saturday, December 8th	Family Formation Night: Mary: The Yes that Changed the World at 6 p.m.
Sunday, December 16 th	Adult Voice of Indiana performance at 2 p.m.
Wednesday, December 19th	2Q ends
Thursday, December 20th, 2018 - Wednesday, January 2, 2019	Christmas Break – No School
Thursday, January 3rd	School Resumes