# The BIRD WORD Monthly Newsletter



### **APRIL EVENTS**

1 FIRST FRIDAY

4 ACRE TESTING 5TH & 8TH GRADES

8 LIVING STATIONS

13 EXPLORA SCIENCE NIGHT

14 EASTER EGG HUNT PRE-K & KINDER

15 GOOD FRIDAY/NO SCHOOL

17 EASTER

18 EASTER MONDAY/ NO SCHOOL

19 5TH GRADE MIS-SION TO MARS

30 1ST HOLY COM-MUNION

30 ST. MARY'S GOLF **TOURNAMENT** 



Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel Principal: Melanie Chavez

# 8TH GRADERS PERFORM THE LIVING STATIONS

Every Friday during Lent, St. Mary's dents go to the church and recite the Stations of the Cross. The last Friday before Holy Week, the eighth grade class performed the Living Stations

the Cross. The performance was very movina, they and were asked to perform it for the parish that evening!

St. Mary's students completed their final STAR testing this month for the school year. We were excited to see the great gains in Math scores this year because this was the first year we used Eureka Math. Reading scores showed gains as well.



It has been over two years since St. Mary's has held a family event since COVID, but on April 13, we welcomed not only our school families, but our community to our Explora Science Family night. Not only did families come out and experience interactive science activities, they also were able to purchase dinner, drinks, and desserts from the food trucks that participated in our event. It was great to see everyone having fun and enjoying each others company. The representative from Explora could not believe the huge turn-out we had, and he complimented our students for being so well behaved!

ST. MARY'S HOLDS EXPLORA SCIENCE FAMILY NIGHT



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# PRE-K & KINDERGARTENERS GO ON AN EASTER EGG HUNT

The seventh and eighth grade students packed well over 200 Easter eggs with goodies for the Pre-K and Kindergarten students. They students hid the eggs all around the outside of the Church. The Pre-K and Kindergarten students had so much fun filling up their baskets with the eggs they found.

# The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

This month's Fruit of the Holy Spirit was Joy! Joy is the natural reaction to the work of God, whether promised or fulfilled. Joy expresses God's kingdom—His influence on earth (Romans 14:17)

# Saint of the Month

This month's saint was San Isidro. San Isidro has become the patron of farmers and rural communities. In particular, he is the patron of Madrid, Spain, and of the United States National Rural Life Conference.



## St. Mary's 1st Annual Golf Tournament

The 1st Annual St. Mary's Golf Tournament was held on April 30 and it was a HUGE success. We had 18 teams of 4 sign up. We had generous sponsors, and fun was had by all. Thank you St. Mary's Booster Club for holding this event!

# Third Graders Make Their First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is considered one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Roman Catholic person's life. It is the first time that a person receives the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is the eating of consecrated bread and drinking of consecrated wine. Our third grade class received their First Holy Communion on April 30. They have been preparing for this beautiful occasion all year. Thank you Ms. Chavez for helping our students grow closer to God!





