

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



APRIL EVENTS

- 4 SPRING PICTURES
- 6 1:00 DISMISSAL
- 7 NO SCHOOL/GOOD FRIDAY
- 9 EASTER SUNDAY
- 10 NO SCHOOL
- 13 & 14 ACRE TESTING 5TH & 8TH GRADES
- 17 STAR TESTING BEGINS
- 19 ART/LITERACY NIGHT
- 22 GOLF TOURNAMENT
- 28 MISSION TO MARS
- 29 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- 29 1ST HOLY COMMUNION



Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel
Principal: Melanie S. Chavez

APRIL 2023

LIONS & TIGERS & BEARS, OH MY!

Kindergarten, first, and second grade classes went on a fun-filled field trip to the zoo. For many of the students, it was the first time riding on the school bus. There were a lot of happy faces and excited students boarding the bus! The students had a lot of fun!



On April 13 & 14, our fifth and eighth grade classes took the ACRE assessment. What is the ACRE assessment? It is an assessment of catechesis/religious education in our school. It helps us evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in our Catholic school. ACRE provides faith knowledge questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices and perceptions.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our third grade class made their First Holy Communion on April 29.



First holy communion is considered to be one of the holiest and most important occasions in a Roman Catholic person's life. The smiles on the students faces is proof of the excitement they were feeling! Thank you Ms. Chavez for always doing a wonderful job in preparing our students for this beautiful day. Congratulations 3rd graders!



Saint of the Month:
St. Anthony Padua
Virtue of the Month:
Justice





Battle of the Books WINNERS!

The Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program for students in 3rd thru 12th grades. Students read at least ten assigned books and come together, usually in groups, to demonstrate their abilities and to test their knowledge of the books they have read. Two of our seventh grade students, Madison and Brandon, were on teams that tied for first place. They each received a medal. Thank you to Ms. Merita Wilson who helps prepare our students for this event every year!



St. Mary's had a special delivery made. Boy was this building needed!

St. Mary's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament was a HUGE success. Thank you to all the wonderful sponsors, players, The Daniel Solis band, and our hard-working athletic director, Ms. Natalie Solis, for making this event possible. All the proceeds from the event go to our athletic department. It is GREAT to be a ROADRUNNER!!



ART & LITERACY NIGHT

Our first ever art and literacy night was a **HUGE** success. There were free literacy resources handed out and the Belen Public Library was here to sign students up for a library card. Each student that attended received a free, age appropriate book, and local author, Rachel Bate, was in attendance and reading her book to some very excited children. The St. Mary's choir showcased their amazing voices with their singing, and there were food trucks on site. Every student had a piece of art work on display! We can't wait to do it again next year!

