



April Edition
2015

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Schultz

Principal: Melodie Good

Saint Mary's Catholic School Belen, NM

At Saint Mary's School, we are committed to the growth of our Catholic identity, academic potential, and community involvement.

Fourth Graders Pack Bags for Veterans

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Consultative Cncl	1st
8th grade parent mtg	1st
Awards and Jump Rope	2nd
No School	3rd-6th
Easter Sunday	5th
NCEA Convention FL	6-10th
SMS Mass	11th
First Communion	3rd
Lunch reservations by	15th
Early Release	17th
Spring Luncheon	17th
Book Fair	13th-17th
Dance PreK-8th	30th



Mrs. Chavez's 4th graders raised close to \$300 selling pop corn on Fridays in order to purchase tooth paste and brushes, socks, tee shirts, soap, and candy to bag up for veterans at the VA hospital in Albuquerque. Altogether, they have enough items to make approximately 40 bags to take up to the hospital. Each bag will also include a special prayer card for the vets. The students will finish off the project by making special cards with their own personal Easter blessings. They look forward each year to doing something for veterans. In the fall the whole school helped collect items for Christmas bags. The fourth graders added the Christmas cards and they were delivered to the VA Hospital in December.

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HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER—ALLELUIA!



National Catholic Education Association Conference

For the first time in many years—if ever, three Saint Mary's educators will be attending the NCEA Convention in Orlando, Florida this month. Catholic educators from all over the world will be attending to network with others and enjoy more than 300 professional development sessions, beautiful liturgies, and special events. One of those special events will be the presentation of the national award in innovative projects won by Saint Mary's in the area of marketing a Catholic school. The principal, Melodie Good, will be on hand to accept the award on behalf of the school. Also attending the conference will be middle school teacher, Mr. Jared Schmock, and Ms. Melanie Chavez will represent the elementary teachers.

SIGN UP FOR OUR ANNUAL SPRING LUNCH

April 17th will be the date for our families to gather once again and share lunch with the students in the Parish Center. Parents, grandparents and students look forward to the three family lunches that Saint Mary's Student Council hosts each year. Included in the annual lunch is an opportunity to purchase books from our Scholastic Book Fair and view some of the fabulous art work that the students have worked on over the year. On the menu for this year's lunch is once again our Navajo Tacos and strawberry shortcake. Please make your reservation by Wednesday April 15th.

8th Grade presented live stations before Easter



The Bird Word
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2015 Distinguished Disciples

Saint Mary's has selected Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mendoza and 8th Grader Kamryn Duenas as this year's Distinguished Disciples. Mr. and Mrs. Mendoza have shown an unwavering commitment to helping Saint Mary's School reach its highest potential. Over the years, Mrs. Mendoza has served on the Consultative Council as the marketing chairperson. She also re-energized the Parents Association a few years ago and made it an integral part of our school. Mr. Mendoza started our Saint Mary's Booster Club this year and with his energy and promotion, we were able to purchase new uniforms for all our teams. Together, they make our school and community a better place.

The first thing that comes to mind about Kamryn is her million dollar smile. Behind that smile is one of the kindest and friendliest students at Saint Mary's. If you asked any student at our school they will say that Kamryn is everybody's friend. In her nine years at St. Mary's she has exhibited exemplary character in her dealings with fellow students, her academic commitment and adults. She has always been active in sports and the recipient of many academic awards over the years. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Duenas of Belen.

**We raised over \$2000 for
the American Heart
Association !!**



Who Knows What's Going on at the School?

It's been said for years that when you really want to find out what's happening at the school, call the secretary. They know everything. For years, Ms. Janet, as she is known by the kids, has been the voice of Saint Mary's. She, along with Mrs. Zamora keep Saint Mary's running smoothly. The kids not only see Ms. Janet in the office, but Janet Montoya also spends every day in the lunch room keeping track of kids and meals.

Mrs. Zamora monitors where the money is being spent. She gives Mrs. Good the thumbs up or down on what can be purchased for the school.

This April, we salute our two administrative assistants for their hard work and commitment to Saint Mary's.



**ALLELULIA!
CHRIST IS
RISEN!**