



**April Edition
2017**



Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel

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.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Awards	7th
Living Stations of the Cross	April 7th 2 PM and 5:30 PM
Palm Sunday	9th
Holy Week	9th-16th
Good Friday no school	14th
Easter Sunday	16th
No School	17th
Elem. Home b-ball	19th
Track Meet Belen	22nd
Family Bowling Night	27th
No School (inservice)	28th

Registration Continues for Next Year

Parents of 3 1/2 and 4 years olds: We have openings in our PreK program for next year. Our preK offers an outstanding academic, faith filled curriculum for your child. We have a half day program that ends at 11:30 and a full day program that includes hot lunch from our cafeteria. Our students are ready for kinder when they turn five. The cost is comparable or less than day care costs for your child.

We have openings in Kinder, 1st, 4th and middle school grades. Don't miss out on our strong science, math and language arts education. We want any family who has a strong desire to give their child a Catholic education to come in for a visit to see how we can make this possible. All things are possible with Christ



Happy Easter!

Living Stations of the Cross will be offered April 7th



A Lenten tradition at St. Mary's will happen again on Friday the 7th. The 8th graders will be practicing for their annual presentation of the living stations. The Living Stations will be offered at 2PM on that day and then again after the 5 PM Mass in the evening. If you haven't witnessed the impact of Christ's journey to Calvary performed by the students, then come this year. It will be a powerful boost to your spiritual life.

**The Bird Word
Monthly Newsletter**

Has Your Child Accessed STORIA at Home?

Don't miss out on a great opportunity for your children to read fabulous literature from their favorite electronic device at home. If they prefer to listen, the story is read to them. The Storia program highlights vocabulary words, offers dictionary definitions for challenging words, has annotation ability and other tools for helping students read. Students can also take challenge quizzes and get immediate feedback to see how well they read the book. The program aligns to national ELA standards in order to achieve key learning outcomes. This is a Scholastic program that allows teachers to set up special libraries for student research or special class projects. Students search for books by title, author, reading level or by teacher assignment. Each student has their own log in for school and home.

Go Wild and Read!

WE SALUTE MS. LUCILLE ZAMORA AND MS. JANET MONTOYA



For the past 10 years Ms. Lucille Zamora has helped to keep St. Mary's School running in the black! Mrs. Zamora started at St. Mary's as an EA in the classroom. She then took over as our bookkeeper and has been working with numbers ever since. Mrs. Zamora is retiring from her position at the end of this year and she will be sorely missed!



The voice and face of St. Mary's is Ms. Janet Montoya. Miss Janet, as she is known by the students, has been at our school for 15 years. Although her official title is the school's administrative assistant, she serves as the secretary, school nurse, part-time janitor, and a shoulder to cry on at St. Mary's. Miss Janet is the person to ask if you want to know what's going on at the school.

Happy Administrative Professional Day on April 26th

MUSIC FILLS THE HALLS of SAINT MARY'S

Part of our curriculum commitment is to keep the arts front and center in the hearts of our students. Not only do they get a semester of incredible visual art, this semester all students are getting the performing arts in their classes. As a STREAM school, we want to promote an environment of discovery. Studies show that there is a correlation between art and other achievement. A report by Americans for the Arts states that young people who participate regularly in the arts are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, to participate in a math and science fair or to win an award for writing an essay or poem than children who do not participate. The primary sources of content information are no longer teacher lectures or textbooks. Learning is not limited to what you know, but is dependent upon how to find information and how to use that information quickly, creatively, and cooperatively. We need to offer more in-depth learning about the things that matter the most: order, integrity, thinking skills, a sense of wonder, truth, flexibility, fairness, dignity, contribution, justice, creativity and cooperation. The arts provide all of these. Saint Mary's is so lucky to have artists on staff to help provide a love for the visual as well as the performing arts.



You're invited to a Family Bowling Night!



Sponsored by S.M.P.A

Place: Isleta Fun Center

Date: April 27th 5:30

Cost: \$15 per person for 2 games and shoes

Purchase tickets in the office before April 20th-limited tickets available