

# The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



## AUGUST EVENTS

16 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

17 4H & CHOIR MTG

19 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDER



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

AUGUST 2021

## ST. MARY'S IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

The first day of school for pre-k and first through eighth grade was August 16, 2021. It was so nice to be back in school and start the day with prayer and pledge as a school. Father Clement and Father Albert were both in attendance to pray with us and offer us a beautiful blessing for the new school year. Then, on Wednesday, August 18, the whole school attended Mass. Eighth grade delivered the readings and altar served. What a blessing to be part of this school!



Join us live from our Facebook page every morning as we livestream our prayer, pledge and announcements.



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[stmarysbelen.com](http://stmarysbelen.com)



## ROADRUNNER PRIDE

We are so excited to welcome all our new students to St. Mary's. Last year, our enrollment was at 158 students. This year our enrollment is up to 171 students with several classes at their capacity!! It is great to be a Roadrunner!



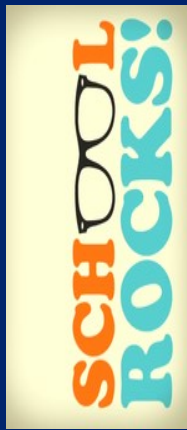
## New School Year, New Teachers

This year we have some new faces in the classrooms. Teaching Middle School ELA and 7th Grade Social Studies is Ms. Elsie Prevot. She comes to us from Los Lunas Public Schools with 30 years of teaching experience. We are so excited to have her on our team and can not wait to see her teaching skills in action this year.

Our music classes will be lead by Mr. Shawn Lightfoot. He has several years experience teaching music in Catholic schools. He has been holding choir practice for third through eighth grade students every Tuesday after school until 4:00 pm.

**NOTICE:** The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and St. Mary comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) by providing access for the review of the management plan at school. The plan is kept in the Principal's Office and is updated as various situations develop and inspections are completed. Arrangements may be made with the Principal of review of the materials. Any questions may be directed to the Executive Director at ASF.

## St. Mary's School Theme & Scripture

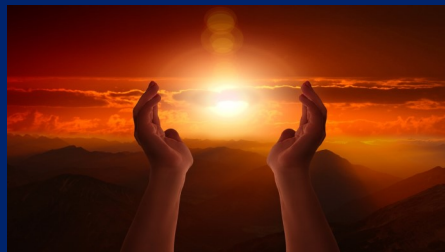


*"Be the Light"*

*Leader~Inspirational~Generous~Holy~Thoughtful*

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8-10



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

