

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



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MERRY CHRISTMAS	

Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel
Principal: Melodie Good



DECEMBER 2018

VETERANS DAY —A SPECIAL EVENT EACH YEAR AT ST. MARY'S



Every year St. Mary's invites local veterans to participate in a ceremony honoring their service to our country. This year our guest speaker was Captain Luis Cordova, with the National Guard. Captain Cordova is also the father of Giovanni and Augustine Cordova at St. Mary's. Belen High School ROTC provided the color guard and Student Council President, Marcus Rimoren, was the MC. Veterans left with lots of favors made by the students.



8TH GRADERS SERVE OUR COMMUNITY



St. Vincent DePaul was the recipient of our Thanksgiving food drive. On the Monday before Thanksgiving, our 8th graders went to the Knights of Columbus Hall and helped pack over 100 boxes for St. Vincent's to give out at Thanksgiving. The next day they headed over to the Harvey House and helped set up an entire room display for the Bugg Lights that opened for the holidays. Student Council members will be volunteering as docents on the evening of the 23rd at the Harvey House. If you haven't visited the Bugg Lights—you should go on the 23rd—or any other time this season.



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ST. MARY'S WISHES THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF BELEN A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Elementary Sports starting in December Cheer and soccer. Midschool boy's' basketball begins this month. Sign up on APIAL web-site.



Don't forget St. Mary's traditional Christmas Pageant on December 19th in the gym.



The Electric Light Parade was fun for everyone.



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IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPTIMISM AND REALITY?

Five St. Mary's students were able to aptly answer this question in the Optimists Oratorical contest last month. The judges from the Sunport Optimists had a hard time selecting the winner. Nevertheless, 7th grader Samantha Jaramillo had the best speech. Second place went to Ceaira Esquibel and third place was Samantha Gallegos. Amelia Griego and Danielle Roache also had great speeches. Congratulations to all girls. Samantha will present at Zone in February.



The Flag football team played their last game on the St. Pius field. They easily defeated St. Thomas to take the championship spot of the consolation bracket. They had a great season this year. Thank you coaches Victor Mendoza and Mark Garcia.!



ADVENT RETREAT

The students at St. Mary's will participate in a full day Advent Retreat this week. The middle school students will be treated to presenters from the Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The elementary students will have workshops presented by Ms. Holly Chavez and Ms. Merita Wilson. On this special retreat day, all classes and specials are canceled, leaving the day open to complete Advent preparation and time for prayer.

CHRISTMAS STORE

On December 19, our students will be treated to the Annual Christmas store. That is their opportunity to go shopping for their families. This year our chair person, Joann Carrillo, is looking for new or gently used donations that our kids would enjoy purchasing for their families. Everything sells for less and \$5 and most for less than \$1. The St. Mary's Parent's Association will be wrapping presents and serving up some delicious Christmas snacks while the kids are shopping.

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

