

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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DECEMBER 2019

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



Our annual Veterans Day Program was memorable! Many veterans attended and we were able to recognize them and thank them. We were also able to remember those who could not be with us. The elementary students did an awesome job of singing some traditional Americana songs and the middle school students did a great job of leading the program and setting up. We would like to extend another special thank you to all U.S. servicemen/servicewomen/veterans for all they do and have done for our country. Finally, we would like to thank Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Cordova, Mrs. Lucero, Miss Susie, and our special guest speaker, Major Bacal!

SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WAS A SUCCESS!



Thank you all who participated in, attended, or helped out with the SMS Spelling Bee last Friday. Congratulations to our top three spellers in the Grades 1-3 Bee: **Lacie (1st Place)**, **Roque (2nd Place)**, and **Peyton (3rd Place)** and congratulations to our top three spellers in the Grades 4-8 Bee: **James O. (1st Place)**, **Agustin (2nd Place)**, and **Maria L. (3rd Place)** as well as **Claire, Danielle, and Camryn** who placed fourth, fifth, and sixth respectively. The top six spellers from the Grades 4-8 Spelling Bee will represent St. Mary's at the District Spelling Bee this January 24, 2020 at 10AM here at St. Mary's School in the Gym! Join us then!



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

Fruit of the Holy Spirit

for December:

PEACE

Saint of the Month:

ST. NICHOLAS



Don't forget
St. Mary's
**CHRISTMAS
PROGRAM**
on December 18th
in the Gym @ 6PM!



The Miracle on
Main Parade was
fun for everyone.
**THANK YOU ALL
WHO ATTENDED!**

FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Congratulations to St. Mary's Students who received the Fruits of the Holy Spirit Award for **KINDNESS** in **NOVEMBER**! Pictured are: Tyler (PK); Joyce, Riley (K); Landon (1st); Ernesto, Everette (2nd); Lacie, Denae (3rd); Luke, Maya (4th); Santiago (5th); Cole, (6th); Lisette (7th); Ella, Xavier (8th). Not pictured: Makayla (PK) and Noah (7th).



ADVENT RETREAT

The students at St. Mary's will participate in an Advent Retreat on December 4, 2019 will they will learn about Las Posadas, the meaning of Advent, and how to pray during the season. Advent wreaths, Jesse Trees, and several other Advent crafts will be made. May **HOPE, LOVE, JOY, and PEACE** be with you this Advent!

CHRISTMAS STORE

On December 13, 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 than \$5!

As we approach the holiday season, have you thought about giving to our school or

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have you talked with your friends and family about giving to our school? It could be a simple donation of just \$25! **This Tuesday, December 3, 2019 is Giving Tuesday!** Can you give a donation to help us make our playground safer and better? Consider helping our school out in this way this holiday season. Thank you! Just visit...

<https://santafe.igivecatholic.org/organizations/st-mary-s-belen>

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

