

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



DECEMBER EVENTS

- 1 ADVENT RETREAT
- 3 FIRST FRIDAY
- 7 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- 10 CHRISTMAS STORE
- 17 END OF FIRST QUARTER
- 17 1:00 DISMISSAL
- 20-JANUARY 3 CHRISTMAS BREAK



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Principal: Melanie S. Chavez

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OUR STUDENTS GOT A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS



On December 6th, Saint Nicholas Day recognizes the third-century saint. St. Nicholas is known for selling all his possessions and giving his money to the poor. Raised as a devout Christian, St. Nicholas dedicated his whole life to serving the sick and suffering. This year, the students put out one of their shoes in the hopes that St. Nicholas would pay them a visit. The students were not disappointed. They each got a bag of goodies and a chocolate gold coin. Thank you St. Nicholas!



Join Us!

We livestream our prayer, pledge, and announcements live each morning through our Facebook page!



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Due to the move, we were unable to have enough practice time for our Christmas program. Therefore, we had to cancel the event and pray for a speedy solution to our building

Unfortunately, due to our move, we will not be able to STAR test the students as scheduled. They will be tested when they return from their break in January.

St. Mary's Christmas Store

Every year, St. Mary's opens it's Christmas store to all our students. The store allows students to come in and Christmas shop for dear family and friends. The prices range from \$0.25 to \$5.00. Our wonderful volunteers help wrap and tag each gift, and deliver them to the students. We were unable to open the store last year due to lack of space because of COVID, but this year we were able to use the Parish Hall and distance all the tables and items so everyone could safely shop. Items were donated and the students had plenty to choose from. We hope the recipients of these gifts were as happy to receive the gifts as the students were to buy them!

Merry Christmas

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. It is the feast of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh. The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones. On December 17, each class at St. Mary's celebrated Christmas with a party and gift exchange. Celebrating the birth of Jesus is a joyous occasion!

