

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



JANUARY EVENTS

- 3 STAFF RETURNS
- 4 STUDENTS RETURN
- 7 FIRST FRIDAY
- 14 1:00 DISMISSAL
- 17 MLK NO SCHOOL
- 18 CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
- 18 SPORTS PICTURES
- 25 SPX TESTING
- 30 CSW MASS
- 31 REGISTRATION BEGINS



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

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ST. MARY'S NOW OFFERS TEST-TO-STAY

Back in October, St. Mary's began the paperwork to be able to participate in the state's Test-to-Stay program. This program allows unvaccinated students and staff to do a rapid COVID-19 test if they come in contact with someone at school who has the virus. This test allows them to continue to come to school and participate in school events if they test negative rather than having to quarantine. The program was put into action the second week back from our Christmas break. It is proving to be helpful in keeping our students in school. The program came with a grant that will help pay for the tests and supplies needed.

Join Us!

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



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St. Pius X High School Testing

On Tuesday, January 25, 2022, the assistant principal of St. Pius X High School, Ms. Ducaj, came down to our school to administer the SPX entrance exam to our eighth grade students. This test is given to all eighth graders, regardless of the high school they will be attending next fall. This test gives our school a substantial amount of information about our students and our chosen curriculums.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS HAVE A NEW SUPERINTENDENT

During the December principal meeting, it was announced that Susan Murphy was stepping down as our schools superintendent. Earlier this month, Archbishop Wester named Donna Illerbrun as the superintendent of the Catholic schools. Mrs. Illerbrun previously worked as the principal of St. Therese in Albuquerque. She has been working hard in getting School Choice passed in the legislature. She is not afraid of hard work, and we are excited to see her vision for our schools!

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This Month's Saint

Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint, but rather he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

St. Michael has four main responsibilities or offices, as we know from scripture and Christian tradition.

- The first is to combat Satan.
- The second is to escort the faithful to heaven at their hour of death.
- The third is to be a champion of all Christians, and the Church itself.
- And the fourth is to call men from life on Earth to their heavenly judgment.

This Month's Fruit of the Holy Spirit

The fourth fruit of the Spirit is patience. The word 'patience' is mentioned in Scripture nearly 70 times. When we're exhausted or worried, finding patience is probably the last thing on our minds, but it should really be the first. We are told in Psalm 37:7, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

Catholic Schools Week is January 30-February 4, 2022

The following is a list of celebration & theme days for St. Mary's

Date	Celebration	Theme
January 30	Mass 10:00 am	Core Uniform
January 31	Community Appreciation	Western Wear
February 1	Parent Appreciation	Decades Day
February 2	Priest Appreciation	Sunday Best
February 3	Teacher Appreciation	Career Day
February 4	Student Appreciation	Team Shirts or Jerseys & Jeans

