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Saint Mary's Catholic School Belen, NM

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

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Lenten Retreat	1st
Early Release	3rd
Soup Supper	10th
Parent Conferences	16th

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THESE
40 DAYS
HOLY**

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The Bird Word Monthly Newsletter

St. Mary's Family Thankful for Fabulous Gala

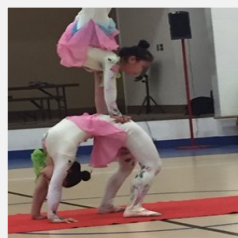
Our hearts are still full from the overwhelming support and grand fun that we all enjoyed at our February 11th Gala. Because of the generosity and love that poured out supporting our first attempt to establish a building fund for Saint Mary's, we are able to deposit over \$126,000 in start up funds. Many, many parishioners, friends and alum came dressed in their knickers and fedoras, boas and flappers, or striped zoot suits and bow ties to share in the comradery and great music of the evening.



Missy Sanchez, Renee Chavez, Melissa Sais, Holly Chavez, Julie Sanchez, and Aneile Cummins have spent the last three months in meetings when they weren't pounding the pavement seeking our sponsors and donors. The present and future students and staff at Saint Mary's will be forever grateful to these energetic moms for getting the

OPEN HOUSE FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT ON MARCH 5th

The school will be open after Masses on March 5th for any parents, grandparents or members of the community who would like to visit the school. The Catholic Daughters will be having their monthly coffee and



Chinese Acrobats Wow Parishioners

The gym was filled with amazement when Belen was visited by the four Chinese Acrobats. To the delight of students and adults, the young acrobats did several balancing acts along with juggling and



All Students Participate in Lenten Retreat

On Ash Wednesday the students will be engaged all day with extra prayer time, presentations and Lenten crafts for their retreat. After Mass, all specials for the day are canceled and instead of the regular core classes students, will have a full day to learn more about how Lent prepares them for East-

90th Anniversary Gala

HUGE SUCCESS!!!

Where do we begin to say THANK YOU to all who attended and donated to Saint Mary's School? On Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Isleta Resort Grand Ballroom our Roaring 20's Celebration began with feelings of love, joy and happiness. As we greeted each other with smiles and admiration for all the best dressed ladies, gentlemen and children who attended. We were going back in time and reminiscing on the photographs all the way back to the school's inception in 1927. We had our very own parent photographer Mrs. Rosa Armijo-Pemle capturing our moments for future generations to see.

The energy at our event was spiritual, magical, and full of love! Thank you for your generous support to kick off our construction campaign for our new school we will be building.

Mr. Joe O'Neill, owner of ESPN radio, graciously served as our Master of Ceremonies and he was on fire! We were blessed with the donation of Lorraine Sachs Garcia's time as our Auctioneer. Lorraine raised over

\$65,000.00 just that night alone between the live auction items and the "Raise the Paddle" pledges. Mr. Allen Sánchez, Executive Director of the NM Conference of Catholic Bishops, was our Keynote Speaker and gave such warmth and excitement to our Gala.

Christina Smith did an outstanding job decorating our Grand Ballroom. We all enjoyed our meal and then danced the night away to the wonderful music of the Daniel Solis Band. They were amazing!

We were blown away, by our community's generosity. That night alone we raised over \$126,000.00 and the donations are continuing to roll in! Your donations can be mailed to our school.

If you missed our Gala and would like to donate your time, talent or treasure, there will be plenty of opportunities to join in our efforts and fun! If you have an idea that could help us raise money let us know, we would love to hear your ideas!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OUR BUILDING CAMPAIGN.

- Fajita dinner donated by Steven Otero
- Ladies/girls Tea Party hosted by Barbara Torres & Sabrina Sweeney

We are looking for help with our upcoming events. Will you consider donating any of the following:

- ✓ Tables & Chairs
- ✓ Face Painting
- ✓ Jumpers
- ✓ Cotton Candy Machines
- ✓ DJ services
- ✓ Catering services
- ✓ Desserts
- ✓ Servers for our events
- ✓ Raffle items
- ✓ Help selling tickets
- ✓ Tents
- ✓ Other ideas and Committee members welcome

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