



May Edition
2017

Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel

Principal: Melodie Good

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

- Book Fair 1st-5th
- May Crowning 3rd
- Spring Luncheon 5th
- Distinguished Disciple 5th
- SMPA Mtg 6 PM 8th
- National Teachers Day 9th
- Tea Party 13th
- Mother's Day 14th
- Athletic Banquet 16th
- Talent Show 2 PM 17th
- PreK celebration 23rd
- Kinder Celebration 24th
- 8th Grade Celebration 24th
- Last Day of School 25th
- School Office closes June 9th through July 9th

Saint Mary's Test Scores are Looking Good

Saint Mary's students recently took their end of year reading and math test to determine growth from the beginning of the year. All results are immediately known showing classes slightly or far above grade level. Our shining star is our middle school math program. Our students are topping the charts in math scores. Sixth, 7th and 8th grades are all averaging at 12th grade or higher. In the last few years we have worked to develop our STREAM programming which means that science and technology both help to increase our math scores school wide. Our middle school math teacher, Ms. Angela Padilla, is also responsible for enabling our students to work to their potential. Saint Mary's has a lot to celebrate during National Education Week this month.



Saint Mary's Tea Party May 13th

Adults \$25

4-14 Yrs. \$10

3 and under

Free

All proceeds go to the Building Fund
Buy Tickets at the school.



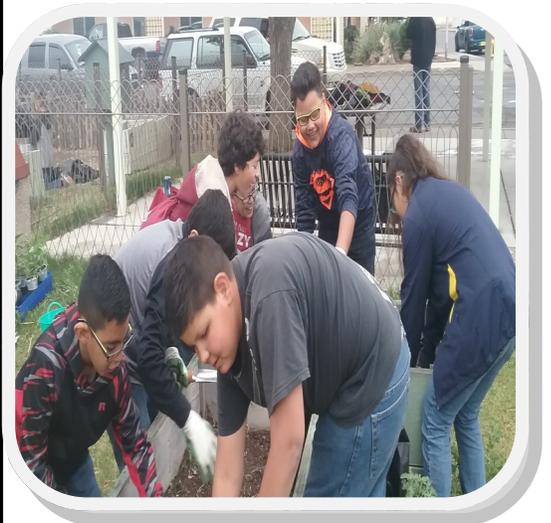
**YOU'RE INVITED
TO A
TEA PARTY**

The place is the historical home of Ronnie Torres. The time is 2 PM Invite your friends and neighbors and sample some tasty treats and tea

**The Bird Word
Monthly Newsletter**

Students help at Community Garden

On a very rainy day, Saint Mary's 4th grade and the Student Council walked over to the Belen Community Garden and started the work of getting the garden ready for summer. When you drive by you will see newly painted flower beds and bright flowers with veggies soon to be popping up. Parents and kids alike enjoyed getting their hands dirty.



Saint Mary's Teachers and Staff Rock!



Liz Cordova, Melanie Chavez, Kristy Cordova, Angela Padilla, Natalie Solis, Dominique Biancardi, Carol Archuleta, Heather Sanchez, Lisa Bockisch, Arleen Sanchez, Sohaila Lucero, Brenda Montoya, Charlene Baca, Megan Morgan-Cordova, Jared Schmock, Molly Chavez, Rose Trent and Emma Gonzalez

Thank you for your love of St. Mary's!



National Education Week May 8th-12th

GOD IS GOOD!

REMINDER: Parents may pick up their Fall Fest tickets and the side by side raffle tickets before school is out. The tickets will be ready in two weeks. Several people have expressed interest in having the tickets over the summer to get an early start on selling.



St. Mary's has Cliff's Tickets Purchase Passes for \$20 (regularly \$27.99)
Come by the office from 9 to 4
Summer fun!

BHS Valedictorians

Saint Mary's is proud to acknowledge Ms. Caitlin Baca and Ms. Rose Baca, who are both Valedictorians at Belen High School. Rose and Caitlin graduated from St. Mary's in 2013. Caitlin is planning to go to UNM next year and Rose is bound for U of A in Tucson. Congratulations! All things are possible with God.

Caitlin



Rose

2017 Distinguished Disciples



On May 5th, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe will be celebrating this year's Distinguished Disciples. St. Mary's has selected Ms. Julie Sanchez as our adult disciple and Dominic Sais as our student. Ms. Sanchez has co-chaired St. Mary's Fall Fest for the past three years and this year she, along with several, put together an unbelievable Gala to celebrate our 90th birthday. Dominic is one of our 8th graders. His quiet demeanor and deep commitment to God has made him stand out in our school. He is a great athlete and good friend to many students.

