

# The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



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## NOVEMBER 1—ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

At the beginning of the school year, each class was tasked to choose a saint that would represent their class. Each morning, the class that is responsible for prayers and pledge, is also responsible for teaching the rest of the students something about their class saint. For all Saints' Day, we encourage students to find a saint that they are interested in learning more about, research the saint, and dress like the saint. When asked what saint they are representing, they must be able to name the saint and give information they learned about the saint.



To feed the hungry is the first corporal work of mercy. It was given by Jesus when he spoke to his disciples about the Judgment of the Nations (Mt 25:31-46).

St. Mary's held it's annual food drive for St. Vincent de Paul the whole month of November. Each class was assigned a food item, and our families were extremely generous this year! Thank You!!

Join Us!

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



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## Thank You Veterans

Each year, St. Mary's holds Veterans program to thank our Veterans for all their sacrifices for our country and for all of us. Because of COVID safe protocols, we could not hold the program in person. Fortunately for us, our IT coordinator, Ms. Sohaila Lucero, put together a beautiful video of students recognizing and thanking our Veterans. You can see this video using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWuObH6w2Z0>

### In-Person Book Fair

Our in-person book fair was held during the week of November 15-19, 2022 in the gym again this year. The theme for this year's book fair was, "Books Bring Us Together." Students previewed the fair on day one, and made wish lists for their parents to review. Parents were able to set up e-wallets for their students, which helped make the book fair a success. Thank you Ms. Victoria Cano for running the fair all week!



Unfortunately, due to COVID protocols and mandates, we had to cancel our annual Thanksgiving luncheon.

### This Summer's Flood is Still Causing Havoc on Our School



As we all know, the flood that happened in July caused a lot of damage to our school. So much so, that we had to pack up our classes and move into the Parish Center and the Faith Formation Building. The whole staff pitched in making sure that we had all the resources needed to continue to provide the best Catholic education possible for our students. As we know, we have to, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

