

The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



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15 FALL FEST

20 1:00 DISMISSAL P/T CONFERENCES

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27 SPELLING BEE

31 HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION



Pastor: Rev. Clement Niggel
Principal: Melanie Chavez

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ST. MARY'S PETS COME TO SCHOOL!

St. Mary's students got to bring their pets to school on October 4, during morning prayer, so that Father Clement and Father Albert could bless them in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day. We saw chickens, dogs, cats, fish, and iguanas get blessed and receive a special medal for their collars.



8th Grade Leads the Living Rosary for the School



The eighth grade class lead the school in a Living Rosary on Thursday, October 6. It was the eighth grades class responsibility to choose what mystery to recite and prepare their decades participants. This year they choose the Joyful Mysteries. We were able to invite our parents and families to join us.

St. Mary's Begins Accreditation Process

St. Mary's School is accredited by WCEA. The accreditation status is for six years; however, each school is given annual requirements to maintain the six-year accreditation status. We have a leadership team that consists of Ms. Baca, Ms. Gibson, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Chavez. However, all of St. Mary's staff members will be working together on this so that everyone is represented. Surveys will be going out to students, parents, and staff within the next couple of months. We will also be analyzing all our data to make sure we are providing the best Catholic-filled education to all of our students. An accreditation team will be here in the Spring of 2024 to review all our work and data. The mission of WCEA is to advance quality Catholic education for all students in member schools and arch/dioceses through an accrediting process that promotes the primacy of faith formation, the rigor of educational excellence, and the vitality that comes through continuous school improvement.



October's Virtue:
REVERENCE

October's Saint:
St. Margaret Clitherow

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St. Mary's Fall Fest was a huge success. Congratulations to Raymond Sanchez who was the grand prize winner and to Melissa Martinez who won the ATV! Thank you to Victoria Cano, Sohaila Lucero, Ronda Sanchez, and Emily Castillo for taking on this huge task for our school!

Parent/Teacher conferences were held on October 20 & 21. Teachers were able to meet with parents to give them updated information on their students learning.

St. Mary's Spelling Bee

On October 27, St. Mary's held it's school Spelling Bee. Ten students from fourth grade to eighth grade participated. Brandon Manzanaras and Ally Marquez were the top two spellers for the school. Peyton Cordova and Marcelino Cordova are alternates. They will be representing St. Mary's at the District Spelling Bee on January 6, 2023 at Belen High School. Congratulations to all!



Halloween Fun at St. Mary's School

Again this year, student council was in charge of planning the Halloween festivities for St. Mary's School. The day started off with a costume parade around the school and church. Then, grades Pre-K through fourth grade attended a Halloween Carnival that was full of games and prizes. The fifth through eighth grades attended a Halloween School Dance. There was fun had by all!

