

# The BIRD WORD

*Monthly Newsletter*



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 Principal: Melodie Good



OCTOBER 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Picture retakes	16th
XCountry Finals	18th
FALL FEST	21st
Parent teacher conf	23-26th
Priesthood Sunday School Mass	29th
Halloween Parade	31st

Come Join Us for the Halloween Parade at 9AM on the 31st



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## ANNUAL FALL FEST

ATV Kawasaki Side X Side  
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 New Mexico Tractor Sales



Tickets still for sale

Drawing 8PM at Fall Fest

## C TEAM VOLLEY BALL CHAMPIONS



St. Mary's broke volleyball records this year with all three volleyball teams going to the championship rounds. The varsity was knocked out in the second round by Hope Christian. The Junior varsity girls beat St. Therese for third place, but C Team brought home the gold with a championship trophy—the best C team in the Archdiocese. Hats off to coach Carolyn Mendoza..

## ST. MARY'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR—ELIZABETH CORDOVA



The Archdiocese of Santa Fe recognized Ms. Elizabeth Ann Cordova as St. Mary's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. She was presented with a check and plaque from Archbishop John Wester on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Archbishop's School Fund Dinner at Sandia Casino in Albuquerque.

Liz, as we all call her, joined our staff three years ago when our PreK was struggling to make enrollment numbers. This year, after two years, our PreK is full. Ms. Cordova has gained a reputation with parents as being a wonderful teacher. Word of mouth has spread that her classroom is a great place to get your child ready for kindergarten. Our kinder teacher can spot one of Liz's students a mile away. Not only has she taught them their numbers and letters, but she is working to give each child a better understanding of God and all his good work.

## SAINT MARY'S WAS FEATURED SCHOOL IN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION VIDEO

At the annual Catholic Foundation luncheon on Sept. 21st, St. Mary's school was highlighted in their film on the benefits of Catholic schools in New Mexico. The Foundation spent a full day filming at our school last spring to interview students and teachers on their experiences with St. Mary's. The new science lab was a major focus since a Catholic Foundation Grant funded part of the cost of the lab. To see the video, log on to our website and click on the link. It just reinforces what all Catholic School parents already know: Catholic schools focus on the entire child — their mental, physical, and spiritual selves — as well as the core values that will be carried with them throughout their entire lives.

*Father Albert  
Blessed our pets  
on the Feast Day  
of St. Francis of  
Assisi.*



The historical home of Ronnie Torres was a stunning back drop for the Tea Party to benefit St. Mary's Building Fund. Even a few rain drops did not dampen the spirits of the ladies and gentlemen who attended. Parents from St. Mary's helped provide snacks and serving, but the majority of the work was done by Ms. Sabrina Sweeney, her mother, Barbara Torres, and Ms. Missy Sanchez. The yard was decorated with vintage décor and Victorian center pieces. If you were lucky enough to get into the Sears and Roebuck 1920's house, you were able to see what a kit home ordered from Sears Catalog looked like back in the day.



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

