

# The BIRD WORD

Monthly Newsletter



## OCTOBER EVENTS

- 6 NO SCHOOL/FALL BREAK
- 9 NO SCHOOL
- 13 END OF QUARTER ONE/LIVING ROSARY
- 16 FIRE & ICE PRESENTATION BY NM SPACE MUSEUM
- 19 1:00 DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 19 FALL FEST INCENTIVE DUE
- 20 1:00 DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 23 FALL FEST TICKETS DUE
- 26 ST. MARY'S SPELLING BEE
- 28 FALL FEST
- 31 HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION



Pastor: Rev. John Kimani  
Principal: Melanie S. Chavez

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## HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE...

Praying the Rosary allows us to encounter Mary and to enter the mysteries of Jesus Christ. From his Incarnation, to the Cross, to the Resurrection, we come to understand that God has revealed himself and saved us. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary, continue to inspire us to a life of discipleship. Each year our 8th graders lead the school in a 'Living Rosary.' Eighth graders are in charge of preparing their team to recite a decade. It is one of the many beautiful traditions our students do throughout the year.



## Fall Break

Students were able to enjoy some time away from school during their Fall Break which was scheduled on October 6-9.

## One Down, Three To Go!

Friday, October 13 marked the end of the first quarter. Students worked hard during quarter one and plan on continuing their hard work for the next three quarters. Each student has the responsibility of setting clear academic and spiritual goals at the beginning of each quarter. They then regularly review their goals and track their progress towards their goals, and make any necessary adjustments to stay on course. By working consistently and diligently towards their goals, students can make the most of their academic experience and achieve the success they desire.



October Saint of the Month:  
*Edith Stein*  
October Virtue :  
**STUDIOUS**

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners! Brandon M. took first place, Peyton C. took second, and Marcelino C. came in third. Brandon and Peyton will represent St. Mary's in the district Spelling Bee in January at Belen High School.

## And the Winner is...

St. Mary's 39th Annual Fall Fest was held on October 28 at the Tierra del Sol Country Club. Congratulations to Hossie Sanchez for winning the \$10,000 grand prize and to Davrie Flores for winning the ATV. Thank you to Victoria Cano, Ronda Sanchez and So-haila Lucero for working tirelessly on making sure this event was a huge success.

Elementary Volleyball and Middle School Girls Volleyball teams had successful seasons. Our Middle School Flag Football team also wrapped up their season. All teams displayed great teamwork! Next up is boys basketball and archery!!

## FIRE AND ICE

New Mexico Space Museum came all the way down from Alamogordo to present their Fire and Ice Show to our students. Their presentation covered aerodynamics, service tension, air pressure, and physics. The students were asked to participate in some of the activities and had a lot of fun!



## The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:3-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn:  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger &  
thirst after righteousness:  
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:  
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted  
for righteousness' sake:  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## Halloween Fun!

St. Mary's Student Council worked hard to put together a Halloween Carnival for grades PreK through fifth grade, and a dance for grades sixth through eighth grade. The students started the day, however, by holding a costume parade in front of the school so the parents could see all the great and creative costumes.



**GOD IS GOOD**

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and St. Mary's school comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) by providing access for the review of the management Plan at the school. The plan is kept in the principal's office and is updated as various situations develop and inspections are completed. Arrangements may be made with the principal to review the materials. Any questions may be directed to the Executive Director at ASF



*St. Mary's Catholic School prepares students to be leaders in worship, work, and the world through Roman Catholic teachings, rigorous academics and service to others.*

