



St. Mary's Catholic School



Dear Parents,

I can't believe it is almost Christmas! I am truly blessed to have such wonderful faculty, staff, supportive parents, and amazing STUDENTS. As we await the coming of our Lord, our students continue to share what it means to be a Christ Centered Catholic, as they share their light... sharing their time, talent and treasure!

We are so proud of our students for collecting over 800 items to the Father Robert's Kitchen -San Juan Diego Friary Albuquerque, donating toys to Toys for Tots and brightening our days with their spiritual and academic zeal. As a Catholic School Family we have gathered to celebrate the Christmas Season with family and friends at our Christmas Concert & Advent Family Night, what a wonderful way to celebrate this joyous season.

With all the excitement in the air, teachers not only prepared special Christmas parties but continue to challenge our students to be Life-long learners by providing academic excellence. Here are just a few highlights of what is happening at St. Mary's School.

PreK continues to enhance their TECHNOLOGY skills with Mrs. Groves.

Kindergarten completed their SuperKids assessments in reading! Way to go readers!

1st grade demonstrates their scholarly behavior, by being STARS – students who Sit up straight, Track the speaker, Ask and Answer questions like a Scholar and Respect those around them.

2nd grade wrote opinion essays, each student selected a topic and provided various viewpoints on their topic which they supported by reasons and examples.

3rd graders continue to practice their multiplication facts and fractions.

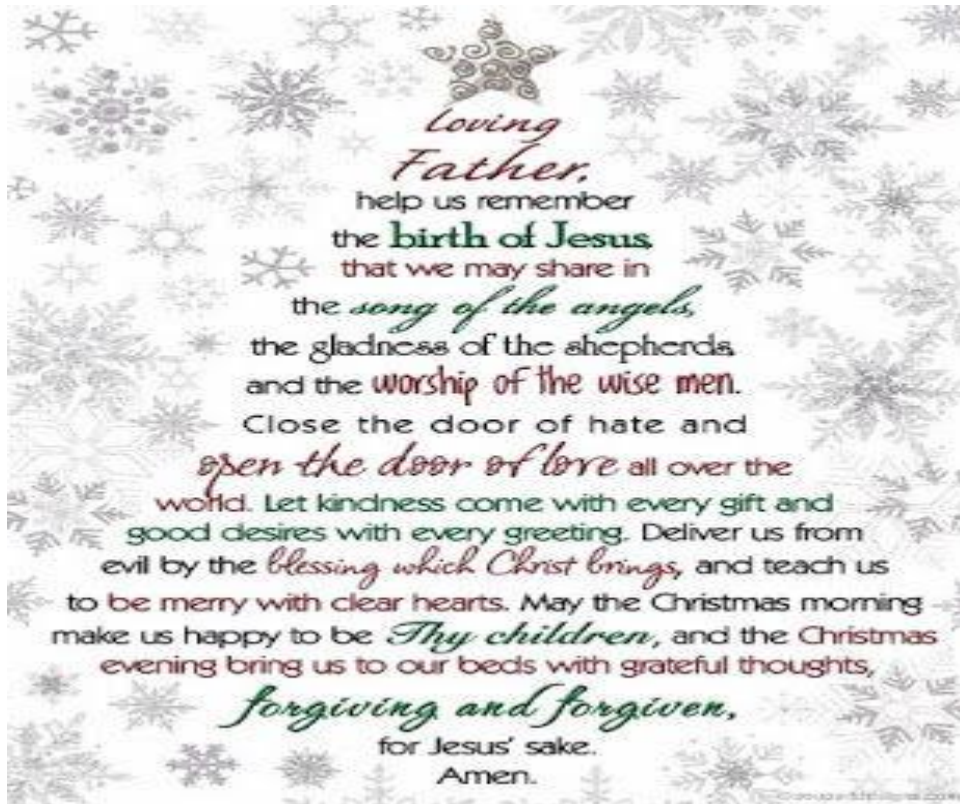
4th grade shared their talents during our Christmas Mass.
Matteo & Elias led us with the responsorial psalm.

5th grade shared their scholarly traits as they completed their Jesse Trees

6th graders explored how sound waves travel with Mrs. Johansen

7th graders continued their journey learning about Christmas traditions in New Mexico by creating custom Luminarias.

8th graders continue to demonstrate leadership skills in our school, being role models for all our students!!



IMPORTANT DATES

DEC. 21ND – JAN. 4TH – CHRISTMAS BREAK

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| Jan. 7 th - | Monday | School Resumes |
| Jan. 11 th - | Friday | Early Dismissal 1pm |
| Jan. 15 th - | Tuesday | St. Pius HS Placement Exam - (8 th graders) |
| Jan. 14th – 18th | | STAR Assessments |
| Jan. 21 st - | Monday | No School- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| Jan. 27 th – Feb. 2 nd | | Catholic Schools Week |

*St. Mary's Pastabilities Dinner
Saturday, February 23th*