

St. Mary's two-fold celebration

One hundred fourteen students from 24 villages and 32 staff members have begun the new school year at St. Mary's Catholic High School. The 1982-83 school year is a special year as it marks the start of the 30th year during which St. Mary's has conducted a high school program. Though the school traces its origins to St. Mary's mission in old Akulurak founded in 1903, the first high school students began their studies in the Fall of 1952 with the first graduates 4 years later.

The first few weeks have been busy with a variety of

activities. Classes started on August 23rd including a two-day orientation for new students.

The St. Mary's program focuses on the academic, the spiritual, and the social. Thus on Friday, September 3rd, these three aspects were emphasized in a special way. After the regular morning classes, the traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit was celebrated. This is a special liturgical celebration asking for God's blessing upon the students and staff for a successful school year in learning and teaching.

In the afternoon, the second Spirit Games were held. These games were capped off by the volleyball and crab soccer tournaments sponsored by the Junior Class in the evening.

The Junior Class, which earned the most number of points in both the games and the tournament, won the sought after "Spirit Stick" which will be displayed in their homeroom for the year.

The occasion of the Mass of the Holy Spirit was also an opportunity to celebrate Fr. George Endal's 50th anniversary as a priest.