



The Cardinal Flyer

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BJ's Corner

Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Spring officially begins on March 20th. However, here at St. Charles I believe Spring has sprung! Our students are extremely involved in all types of learning projects. Spring break is just a few days away as we approach the homestretch.

During break I encourage all of you to practice safety. Helmets are a must, ditches can be deadly, and seat belts at all times.

I continue to encourage everyone to read during Spring break and a reminder that upon return we have 8 ½ days before grades are cut off for progress reports on April 14, 2009.

If you have not registered for next year, time is running out. Please call Nancy Searle to reserve a spot.

Have a relaxing week.
B.J.

Kudos to...

Jeff and Cheryl Serna for donating sand for our playground. Thank you!!

Randy and Maria for donating white boards for the classrooms and the awesome chairs!! Thanks!

St. Charles Annual Food Drive for the Storehouse

*"How far that little candle throws his beams!
So shines a good deed in a weary world." - William Shakespeare*

Cardinals,
Your good deeds will shine into many people's life this Spring! As of 3.16.09 we have collected 6,968 items for the food drive. 5B is leading the way with 937 items collected. 6B is in second place with 812. The Storehouse will be picking up the food on 3.19.09 at 10:00 am. The last day to bring in food is 3.19.09.

Car Pool

If you are interested in carpooling with me from Corrales, please call. I have a son in 3B. Merel Hancock 890-1585

Calendar Update

March 20- Early
Dismissal 12:30
March 23-27- Spring
Break
April 9 – 12:30 Early
Dismissal (Holy
Thursday
April 14- Progress
Reports
April 24th & 27th – DRA
Assessments
May 2nd – 1st
Communion
May 7 – International
Art Festival
May 22 – 7th & 8th Grade
Dance 6:30 p.m.
May 28th- 8th Grade
Graduation 6:30 p.m.
May 29- Kindergarten
Graduation 8:30 a.m.

Benefit Yard Sale

On Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. St. Charles will be holding a HUGE Yard Sale to raise money to help cover the medical expenses for Wes Cummings, brother-in-law of Gina Evans who works in our finance office.

It will be at 1219 Isleta Blvd. S.W. (West side of street across from Westside Community Center).

Wes Cummings is a husband and father of two - Lane and Jamie. Wes was diagnosed with Crohns when he was 17 years old. Wes was diagnosed in 1992 with PSC – Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis which is part of the Crohns. PSC is a scarring of the bile ducts in and outside of the liver. The scarring is a slow disease that will eventually lead to complete liver failure. At this time there is no cure for this disease. The only relief of this disease is a liver transplant.

Wes is currently on the liver transplant waiting list at UCLA. Currently Wes travels to UCLA every 3 months for treatment for PSC. His transplant will take place as the disease progresses and his liver fails.

Wes has had stints put in the bile ducts of his liver several times. They do this procedure at UCLA. He can only leave the stints in for a short amount of time and then has to travel back to UCLA to have them removed. This time they removed the stints and did a balloon procedure (just like they do the heart).

To help this family pay for medical expenses (the estimate for just the transplant \$200,000.00 their portion) we will be holding the yard sale and NJHS and Builders Club will be holding a car wash soon.

Spring Pictures

Good News. We are bringing back spring pictures March 31, 2009. Students may dress up that day as long as the dress is appropriate. Students will take individual pictures and then the company will send a proof to see if you want to order them.

Guidelines for Dress: No sleeveless, no bellies showing, no tight fitting clothes, no short skirts or dresses, no baggy clothes and no anything else inappropriate. If you think it might be inappropriate – do not wear it. All students who come to school in inappropriate clothing will have to be sent home for the day and will be unable to take a picture.

From the Finance Office:

You can apply online for the Maloof and the Archbishop scholarship with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. The deadline is April 15, 2009. To apply a nonrefundable \$20.00 fee is due.

Apply online at www.factstuitionaid.com

Step 1: Select Applicant Sign In

Step 2: New Users select Create an Account or returning users enter their existing username and password.

If you forgot your password, click on the "trouble signing in," link to retrieve

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your existing username and password. If you are unable to retrieve your username and password continue as a New User and click on Create an Account.

After completing the online application you will need to mail or fax the supporting documentation

Award decisions are made by the Catholic Foundation for the Maloof in August and the Archbishop scholarship in October.

Buy Scrip every week!

Please remember to buy Scrip. Remember – shop for those items you normally do and a percentage goes to St. Charles. It only takes a few minutes of your time. Thanks for supporting our school. **Soon you can go online to buy your cards and reload them all from the comfort of your home.**

Keep bringing those plastic bags...

Keep those bags coming! We will continue to collect them – let's bring in enough bags for 50 more sixty-gallon bags by the end of March. Please bring as many as you can by March 30, March 31st is the competition deadline. Thanks for your support of our planet and school!

From the Pastor's Perspective

As you read this column, the 22 pilgrims from our parish will have just arrived in Milan, Italy, the home of Saint Charles Borromeo. As you recall, in honor of our parish's 75th anniversary, we are having this special pilgrimage tour, going to the special sites of Saint Charles. We will be going to his birthplace, north of the city on a beautiful lake, Milan, his home archdiocese, Assisi and Rome. We'll be back on March 27 and know that we can count on your prayers and support. Please know that we will be sharing with those we meet your prayers, especially at the tomb of Saint Charles.

During the trip, we have a pilgrim booklet with prayers. We invite you to share in these prayers – a copy is at the church front desk. Additionally, you may read them online. We will especially be praying for the transition of the pastorate of the parish. I know that the archbishop is working on this position, as well as the other six pastorates in the archdiocese. Let us pray for this transition here, plus the other parishes that will be effected. (In our area, Saint Anne, Holy Ghost and Saint Theresa will also be receiving new pastors.)

Also below are the events to plan for in our continued Lenten journey, as well as participating in the Triduum. I am always so grateful that our students support the different liturgical rites, especially the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at Noon. Let us all participate and be present to support our students. Here are the other things to note:

Called & Gifted – A Lent & Eastertime Series

A series of one-hour (6:30 to 7:30 PM) sessions, every Wednesday in April that will explore our call as children of God and members of the Body of Christ in this place and time. Secondly, We will examine how we have been gifted individually and corporately to fulfill that mission. We will accomplish these goals through scripture, theology, ecclesiology, and spirituality as experienced in our specific social, geographic, cultural and ethnic niche. There will be notebooks so that the participants can save the handouts, exercises and notes they may want to take. Please register at the Front

Office (so that we may order the appropriate amount of materials – and live your baptismal covenant with God; renew it during this time. Presentations will be led by Carol Giannini and to be held in the Youth Center at Saint Charles. This is sponsored by Mature Members Ministry and Pastoral Council of Saint Charles.

Operation Rice Bowl - Fourth Sunday of Lent

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that we are called to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Through protecting the environment in which we live, we respect the goodness of nature, a gift God has given. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of those who have no clean water to grow crops or to nourish their families. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services as we **learn** about agriculture programs in Honduras. **Please bring your Rice Bowl back on Good Friday!**

The Blessings and Challenges of Family Care Giving - A Day of Reflection

If you are now (or will be) a caregiver for a parent, spouse, sibling or child, learn to take better care of your emotional and spiritual self, and about federal and local resources:

Date:	April 30, 2009
Time:	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Lunch provided)
Location:	Spiritual Renewal Center, 6400 Coors Blvd NW
Register:	Call (505) 877-4211
Cost:	\$25.00
Mail to:	SRC, PO Box 67860, Albuquerque, NM 87193
Info:	Call Dolores Martinez at 255-9916

Respite Care Financial Assistance may be available through the Alzheimer's Association
505-266-4473, <www.alz.org/newmexico>

Children's Grief Sessions

Starting March 30 for seven sessions. Please call Heddy Long at 831-8117 for details and registration.

Calendar & Other Reminders:

- **REMEMBER YOUR CANNED FOOD ITEMS:** Thank you for placing food items in your car and bringing them to church during the procession of the gifts. We also remember to bring rice, since we contribute this staple to the Food Panty.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday during Lent and on Good Friday, there will be the celebration of the Way of the Cross at **Noon**. If you would like to help carry the cross or a candle, please let me know. The STATIONS are celebrated in Vietnamese each **Friday night at 7 p.m.**
- **PREPARING FOR INITIATION:** We keep in our prayers those special people who are preparing for the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and eucharist). Lent continues for the baptized as a time for us to renew our own baptismal covenant with the Lord that was made when we were baptized, as an infant, child or adult. **During the 3rd- 5th week of Lent, cycle A readings are used for the scrutinies. (We thank the lectors in advance!)**
- **PARISH PILGRIMAGE in the FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT CHARLES BORROMEIO:** March 16 – March 27. Please pray for our 22 pilgrims along with Father Lane, SSS in their travels to Milano, Assisi and Roma, Italia.
- **PARISH MISSION:**
 - **Monday night Penance Service: 7 p.m. in church**
 - **Tuesday night Taize Service: 7 p.m. in church**
 - **Wednesday night Potluck: 6 p.m. in gymnasium (note the change of venue)**

o **Wednesday closing Mass: 7 p.m. in church**

- **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION:** Wednesday, March 25: Office holiday – closed for this special holy day.
- **THIRD SCRUTINY:** Saturday, March 28, 5 p.m. Mass
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** During the 11 a.m. Mass, Sunday, March 29, or anytime by request after the Mass. (If you are going into the hospital for surgery, nursing home or other care facility, celebrate this sacrament with one of the priests.)
- **75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING:** Sunday, March 29, 1 p.m. in Mahady Meeting Room.
- **TAIZE PRAYER:** Monday, March 30, 7 p.m. in church. Our theme – Lent and renewing our baptismal covenant.
- **DIALOG ON NUCLEAR ARMS & HOW WE CAN PROMOTE PEACE;** Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 p.m., Committee Room
- **NO MASS ON Thursday, April 2:** Due to the Chrism Mass and retreat day for all the priests of the archdiocese, a Communion Service will be celebrated here at Saint Charles. Please pray for the priests this day and their renewal of their vows.
- **PALM SUNDAY:** Mass begins in the gym for the special Gospel and blessing of PALMS. Join your fellow parishioners 15 minutes early. Remember, you are able to park in the CNM lot on weekends.
- **MATURE MEMBERS MINISTRY:** First weekend of the month blood pressure screening continues! **Next organizational meeting:** Tuesday, April 7, 12:45 p.m. in Mahady Meeting Room

Holy Name Happenings

- **LENT RETREAT:** *All are welcome* to join us for a special Lenten Retreat Day at the Canossian Spirituality Center on Isleta Boulevard, **Saturday, March 28, 9 – 3 p.m.** One of the leaders of the center will be hosting the retreat and leading the day. Lunch included for \$35. To register, please call Ernie or Jenny at 266-3059.
- **CHANGE FOR CHURCH:** Please join us in helping raise funds for the church by placing your loose change in the special container by the Front Office. The loose change will be placed in the building fund of the church.
- **RETURN OLD MOBILE PHONES:** Don't throw away your old mobile phone! Give to the Holy Name who will return it for cash and raise funds for the church's building fund.
- **TODAY is DONUT SUNDAY!** Our next donut Sunday is **April 26 after the 9 & 11.** Thank you for donating a dollar or two to support the hospitality ministry for the donuts and drinks.
- **MORNING PRAYER & SCRIPTURE SHARING:** Join us on our special Sunday, (coming on April 5) for Morning Prayer at 8 a.m. During the Morning Prayer in the Shrine Chapel, we will also reflect on the Gospel reading and share how the Gospel touches our lives.
- **HOLY NAME CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS & MEETING:** Sunday, April 5, 9 a.m. Meet in the gym for the palms and process to our special pews. After the Mass, join us in the Mahady Meeting Room for our special meeting.

Sacred Triduum: April 9 - 12: Holiest Days of the Liturgical Year

(Beginning at sunset on Holy Thursday (4 p.m.) until sunset Easter Sunday)

Each morning, help with clean up and organizational things at 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Thanks!!!

Rehearsal for the ministers helping with Holy Thursday is Wednesday, April 8 at 7 p.m.

AGAPE MEAL: In the early church, Christians would gather for a potluck meal and then celebrate the Eucharist at the end of the meal. Join us for our special event, **5:45 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 9.** Sign-up in the vestibule – and please bring enough food to share so that all may eat during the Agape Meal.

FOOT WASHING: As we have done for five years, we will invite all who are present during the

Holy Thursday, or Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, to have their feet washed by one of the priests or deacons and members of the Liturgy Commission. There will be 5 stations throughout the church so that we may keep the mandate that Jesus instituted on the night before he died. Let us not behave like Peter, but rather learn from Peter and allow ourselves to be ministered to so that we may minister to others. The early church had this ritual as a sacrament, preparing one for Eucharist. We will have members of our parish who lead us in service be the first to have their feet washed.

Holy Thursday, April 9:

- Morning Prayer: 8 a.m. (in church)
- Agape Meal (Potluck) in Gym: 5:45 p.m. (all bring something to share)
- Liturgy of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 p.m.
- Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight (in Shrine chapel)

Good Friday, April 10: Rehearsal for these events, ½ hour beforehand

- Morning Prayer: 8 a.m. (in church)
- Stations of the Cross: Noon (led by school students)
- Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. (tri-lingual)

Holy Saturday, April 11:

- Morning Prayer: 8 a.m. (in church)
- Practice Easter Vigil for the Procession of Flowers and Easter Vigil: 10:30 a.m. (*The procession will be during the Easter Vigil after the "Glory to God."*)
- Easter Vigil Service: 8:30 p.m. (tri-lingual)

Easter Sunday, April 12:

- 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. (regular schedule)

Easter Monday, April 13 HOLIDAY:

- 12:10 p.m. Eucharist only (Office Closed, No communal Morning & Evening Prayer or Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for this church holiday.)

Infant Baptisms: Saturday, April 18, 5 & 7 p.m. & Sunday, April 19, 9 & 11 a.m.

Procession with Flowers: Donate Easter Flowers & Plants

Please donate a plant or flower in memory of a loved one, living or deceased, for the Easter Season. Please drop off an envelope in the collection basket or at the Front Office, with your name and who you would like to remember. Thank you for helping us keep the Lenten rule – no flowers in church during this liturgical season until the Gloria of the Easter Vigil, when we process and decorate the church. The only exceptions to the "no flowers" rule are the Solemnities of the Annunciation of the Lord and Saint Joseph Day.

Novena for Peace and Social Justice:

Plans for the upcoming annual rosary novena this May 3 - May 13 at St. Charles is underway! If you'd like to join the planning committee, please call Fatima Portugal at 235-5773. (We will not join for the novena on Sunday, May 10 due to Mother's Day). The novena ends on the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and Fatima. To help us with our costs for the prayer booklet and novena, **please consider** sponsoring an ad for the prayer booklet.

Forum on Nuclear Weapons & Gospel Justice Principles:

Our recent exhibit, hosting the Hiroshima traveling exhibit for peace caused many parishioners to have multiple feelings and opinions. Miriam Benedict and Father Lane will have a listening session, for us to learn from each other, share our stories and review our history in a special session **Tuesday, March 31**, 6:30 p.m. This is also being co-sponsored by our Mature Members Ministry.

Statues of Saint Peter Julian Eymard &

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

Have you ordered your statue(s) today? Father Lane showed us these statues during the Masses, they are \$20 a piece and are a nice treasure for your home altar or the perfect gift for Easter or someone making their First Communion. Both saints are "Apostles of the Eucharist." Please contact the Front Office or Father Lane, SSS to order them.

Training for Liturgical Ministers:

We invite everyone to come again for a refresher or be trained for the first time in our liturgical ministries - especially those who serve during our weekday Masses. Here are the following sessions in church:

- **ALTAR SERVERS:** Wednesday, April 1, Saturday, April 18, and Wednesday, April 22.
Wednesday sessions at 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. Saturday session at 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- **LECTORS:** please contact Manny Olona for the personal one-on-one training.

Let us continue to support and pray for each other on the journey and pilgrimage of life. Happy Lent, Happy Saint Joseph Day on Thursday and let us continue to pray for each other.

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS
18th Pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Community

Scholarships for Catholic School Students

The Catholic Foundation is pleased to remind you of the Philip J. Maloof Scholarship Fund, providing tuition assistance to Catholic Schools students in Bernalillo County. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need and academic achievement. Scholarships will be given in amounts of \$500 and \$1,000 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Families who wish to apply for a Maloof Scholarship must fill out a FACTS Grant and Aid Application which can be obtained at any one of the Catholic Schools in Bernalillo County or at the Catholic Foundation: 872-2901 or online at <www.factstuitionaid.com>. Deadline is April 15.