



The Cardinal Flyer

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Calendar Update

April 1 – Mass 9:00 a.m.
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 – 9 p.m.
May 28th- 8th Grade
 Graduation 6:30 p.m.
May 29- Kindergarten
 Graduation 8:30 a.m.

BJ's Corner

Welcome Back Everyone-
 I hope you all enjoyed Spring Break as much as I did.

As we head into the final days of this school year, I would like to impart a few words of wisdom. "It's not over, til it's over!"
 Yogi Berra, catcher for the Yankees

This means it is important to keep your children in school, don't pull them out for early vacation prior to a break. Education is not simply curriculum (books) it is also socialization, team building and teacher instruction. Each day, half day, hour or minute adds up to a missed opportunity for learning. I encourage all of you to send the message that school has priority over vacation.

School statistics:

3/20/09 – 21 absent	4	½ day
2/13/09 - 8 absent	0	½ day
11/26/08 – 29 absent	18	½ day
10/10/09 - 31 absent	6	½ day

Check the calendar – plan family vacations around our school breaks. Send the signal - school is important.

Progress Reports will be out on April 14th. Realize after reports there is only 34 days of class instruction left. Take advantage of our service.
 B.J.

May I Suggest?

Would you consider allowing 8th graders every year to wear any color of polo shirt (worn correctly) to distinguish them as the elders of St. Charles?
 Melissa Ramirez

B.J. – Melissa, thanks for the suggestion. I will consider it for next year.

The school should have a tennis and soccer team.

B.J. – I agree, however the Parochial League does not sanction these sports.

St. Charles Annual Food Drive for the Storehouse



Thank you

No matter how you say it. St. Charles Cardinals are the BEST!

We collected 11,544 items for the Storehouse!

6B led the way with 1,581 items and 5B was right behind with 1,552.

Thanks so much for your generosity.

May God Bless each of you.

Buy Scrip every week!

Please remember to buy Scrip on Tuesdays. 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. Closed during Holy Week!**

Recycling Plastic Bags Campaign

Drum roll, please....We collected enough bags to fill 140 60-gallon bags for a total of \$700.00 for the school. Thank you everyone for participating. Please continue to bring in your plastic bags – we can get a head start for next year's contest. Thanks to Ana and Andrew for facilitating and doing all the running around for this campaign. And thanks again to Miriam Benedict for bringing the program to our attention!

Author and Illustrator Necy Twinem Visits

With grant money from Camino Real Reading council, we are bringing famous author and illustrator Necy Twinem to speak to all St. Charles students on April 14th. Parents are also invited to hear her presentation. She is an author and illustrator of many books for children but her book [E is for Enchantment](#) was the inspiration for our C is for Cardinal book. She will also be signing her books after her presentations. More information on this will come in email blasts.

Necy will talk to the students about how she became an illustrator and author encouraging them to use their talents to become authors and

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illustrators. She will show them special techniques to use when illustrating and will even illustrate for them.

The presentations will be in the gym on April 14: Grades 5-8 9:00-10:00 and Grades K-4 10:30-11:30. We would love to have you join us and meet a famous author and illustrator.

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 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.

From the Pastor's Perspective:

Due to production schedules, I am not able to share with you our pilgrimage diary – but I wanted to make sure that you have a copy of the prayer of the month for April and other announcements that are vital to our participation in the parish events that are coming up, especially church services. I'll share more with you in my next Cardinal Flyer report. Meanwhile, please take some time to enjoy the Lord's Day and the following notices below.

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

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! Let's all support our Middle School students by being present for the Stations, Good Friday at Noon.***

The Blessings and Challenges of Family Caregiving - 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>

Family Therapy of Albuquerque Now Has Office at Saint Charles

If you or your child would like to have a professional counselor to talk with and work on certain issues, please see me, Father Lane or Dr. Joanna Majors at the Parish Center.

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.**
- **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
- **REHEARSAL for HOLY THURSDAY:** Join us Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m. for those who have a role in the Holy Thursday liturgy. (That's 7:30 p.m. the next day.)
- **REHEARSAL for GOOD FRIDAY:** Liturgical ministers are asked to be 30 minutes before the two services to review the procedures for the liturgy.
- **EUCCHARISTIC ASSOCIATES:** All are welcome – come for one, or for all of these special times/or events, **Thursday (the day of the Eucharist), April 16:**
 - 4:15 p.m. Rosary (shrine chapel)
 - 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer (shrine chapel)

- 5:30 p.m. Novena with Saint Peter Julian Eymard (shrine chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. Potluck dinner (Mahady Meeting Room, bring a dish to share for 10 – sign up on the bulletin board next to the Shrine Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m. Eucharist Talk (after or during supper in the MMR depending on the topic)

APRIL TOPIC: Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament:

Come and learn if you wish to be an associate member of the Blessed Sacrament (yes, as a lay person!), following in the footsteps of Saint Peter Julian Eymard. Father Eymard founded the order for priests, brothers, deacons, sisters and laity. Now, the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament is renewing it's lay associates and formalizing this relationship, especially as the brothers and priests leave. With laity continuing the mission, our special lay associates will continuing the mission of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Learn about this special church law, canonical status of aggregation – lay people living the mission of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up to officially be a member – a special ceremony will be held in May. **FILL OUT AN AGGREGATION FORM at the Front Desk.**

- **FINANCE COUNCIL:** Come here a presentation on the Catholic Foundation with Mary Dunn, **Monday, April 20, 4 p.m.** Committee Room. We will also work on the parish budget and make decisions for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- **SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Monday, April 20, 6 p.m. Cardinal Bistro
- **PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Monday, April 20, 7 p.m. Mahady Meeting Room
- **CONFIRMATION:** Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. for our collaboration of adults and high school students, with Archbishop Sheehan presiding.

Holy Name Happenings

- **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.
- **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. Members from the Maintenance Committee, Finance Council, Pastoral Council and Liturgy Commission will remind the Holy Name of the process and purpose for the kneelers in church and how blessed we are to have a parishioner restoring our pews.

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. Please note that the flowers and plants will be inside and outside and around the campus, even at the new rectory.

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. **The school will have a special MAY CROWNING on Wednesday, May 6 at 9 a.m.** Please plan on bringing flowers to school and being in the procession.

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.

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

Prayer of the Month for April 2009:

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

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.