



The Cardinal Flyer

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BJ's Corner

Martha Washington said "I am still determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may be, for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances."

Today, I will have Cancer surgery and anticipate being gone for a short while! Although I am missing, I can assure you that St. Charles School will not miss a beat. My staff and assistant are well versed in managing anytime I am out.

Continue to work with your younger students on Reading and Math.

Have a Sunny week!

B.J.

Calendar Update....

Do not forget to look at the left column for Calendar Update☺!

Kudos...

To our choir. They did a fantastic job at the Archdiocesan Character Counts Dinner last Friday night.

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders and other students making their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2, 2009. The mass will be at 9:00 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church. God bless all of you on this special day.

St. Charles International Art Show

On Thursday, May 7, 2009, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., please join our St. Charles Community for an evening filled with art, sounds and tastes from around the world. **We are trying to get a count for attendance – your child will bring home a paper – please indicate whether or not you plan to attend and how many you are bringing and send it back tomorrow Wednesday, April 29, 2009.**

May Service Project

M is for the MANY ways you help us.

O is for the ONE that we adore.

M is for how MUCH we love you!

Put it all together and you have MOM.

What better way to honor your mom than by helping other mothers in need? This month, each class will be making a gift basket for the mothers at the Presbyterian Hospital that are in need of assistance. These baskets

Calendar Update

May 2nd – 1st Holy
Communion

May 7 – International
Art Festival With Silent
Auction

May 22 – 7th & 8th Grade
Dance 6 – 9 p.m.

May 22nd – Early
Dismissal

May 28th – 8th Grade
Graduation 6:30 p.m.

May 29 – Kindergarten
Graduation 8:30 a.m.

will include various new baby items (clothes, diapers, crib bedding etc.). Students bring these items to your homeroom by May 13th where they will be picked up by our 5th grade classes and delivered. Thank 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 reload them all from the comfort of your home.**

Recycling Plastic Bags Campaign

Please continue to bring in your plastic bags – we can get a head start for next year's contest.

From the Pastor's Perspective

As we continue in the Easter Season, we celebrate the gifts and new life that Christ has renewed in our lives. On this third Sunday of Easter, when we focus on the story of Emmaus in the Gospel of Luke, we note the importance of gathering to share a meal with the Lord. While we can quickly remember our Eucharistic meal each Sunday and our obligation to be present at church, I hear more and more about the struggle to be present to one another at the table of the Lord in our homes. Especially at this time of year, with the sports programs kicking into full gear, different other practices for the arts, preparation for summer events keeps us stressed and agonizing over time schedules and commitments, let us not forget the family meal time – being present together so that we may experience the presence of the Risen Lord. We need to spend time sharing the Eucharistic food of the home: each other and the presence of Christ within us! Let us be attentive to each other first. As we learned at Notre Dame: our priorities should always be God, family and then Saint Charles, and then the other events and items in our life!

PILGRIM JOURNEY: Let me share with you a little of our journey in the “footsteps of Saint Charles Borromeo.” Our patron saint is such a hero in Milan and Rome. During our second day in Milan, we went to the cathedral to have Mass in the crypt, under the altar. Saint Charles, the former archbishop of Milan, is buried underneath the altar and in this special crypt. We had our first Mass together as pilgrims here and each of the intercessions that you submitted were shared aloud and others not written or submitted or known. This was truly a moving moment for all of us pilgrims. Additionally, while we began the Eucharistic Prayer, the shrine doors and body of Saint Charles were opened so that we literally were in the presence of this holy saint. (Incidentally, on the first day, we did our own walking tour of Milan, hitting the historic old church, especially of Saint Ambrose, the other patron saint of Milan and the founder of the special rite in the church, the Ambrosian or Milanese Rite, which has maintained a particular liturgy and calendar in the church since the 4th century.)

Another highlight of our time in Milan was visiting with the SSS community and parish, Saint Angela Merici. This parish is being true to its patron, with active youth programs (i.e. athletics and catechesis) and outreach in the ecumenical and interfaith movements. Fifty-five parishioners came to greet and feed us; their hospitality was overwhelming and I think we are all still quite full from this thirty-five-course meal that was served. From Saint Angela Merici, we went to the Dominican priory where DaVinci's Last Supper adores a special wall in the dining room of these monks.

For one day, we went north to the lake regions around Milan, and to the town of Arona where Saint Charles was born and where there is a special statue, the size of the Statue of Liberty and church on the place of Saint Charles' birthplace.

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From Milan, we went to Assisi for a day to pray at the tombs of Saint Francis and Clare. While we had perfect weather and blue skies every day (with temperatures in the upper 60's by day and 40's by night), we had a special snowstorm in Assisi which made our time so magical. The snow enforced the feeling of peace and this center of peace in our world. Again, here, we brought our petitions and yours and shared them with these two holy saints.

After our brief stay in Assisi, we traveled to Rome and had the adventure of getting to the English-speaking community. The Roman Marathon was in process and we literally were let through on the streets, a few pilgrims at a time, to cross and get to this special Mass. I was able to meet classmates from my liturgy schooling days and reacquaint with Fr. Michael Joncas, the composer of "On Eagles' Wings," and our communion song this day, "I Have Loved You." This is where we learned a new "Credo," instantly falling in love with it and wanting to bring it back to share with our parish. (We will sing this version of the creed during the Easter Season.) After Mass, we hit some of the famous sites of Rome, such as the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain. Furthermore, we took an extended walk (where some of the pilgrims are still recovering from the blisters) in which we went to the three churches in Rome that are dedicated to Saint Charles Borromeo. The last church has a special shrine and the heart of Saint Charles. Again, we shared your prayers and petitions and were quite touched when organ music from a beautiful instrument began playing during our prayer time. (See pictures in the vestibule & Committee Room)

While in Rome, we also toured the four major basilicas, Saint John, Paul outside the Walls (especially special because of this year of Saint Paul), had a Eucharistic celebration at Saint Mary Major (the oldest church dedicated to our Mother of God in the world) and Saint Peter. While at Saint Peter, we were able to go two levels below to the "scavi" or burial grounds of Saint Peter, the apostle. The pilgrims felt a sense of history, heritage and the awesome task of us living the faith built by the apostles. One last highlight was our celebration of the Eucharist at the Basilica of Saint Peter and me able to concelebrate with 100 other priests at a special Mass of the Annunciation, in the Vatican. (The pope had been in Africa while we were on our pilgrimage in Italy.)

We had a wonderful group of pilgrims, very dedicated to Saint Charles and praying for you. The sites and places moved us all; we enjoyed great food, weather and are grateful for your prayers and support of our safety. We really felt a special bond with our group and with you here in New Mexico. We had a great time – and hope you will join us, if able, on our next pilgrimage.

NEXT PILGRIMAGE? Several of the pilgrims on this last event want to continue to provide opportunities for future pilgrimages. They have approached me about being the spiritual advisor for future ones, looking at September 2010 (13 – 27th). At this time, we are thinking of "the Footsteps of Our Lady," Fatima, Santiago de Compestello (Spain), Lourdes, Bilbao and Madrid (Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish – which is a Blessed Sacrament order parish in Madrid). Let me know if I should put your name on a list. We will limit the group size, which we found helpful in this experience.

LECTIONARY IN CHURCH: In our pilgrimage experience, almost every church we entered had a lectionary with the day's readings in the center aisle, where people were standing, reading and reflecting on God's Word. We were all touched by this line of people waiting to read God's Word and this inspiration to come to church and take time to pray in this way. Please know that in the Blessed Sacrament Shrine we have the Book of the Gospel for this purpose. In the church, we will be examining how we may better display God's Word, in the lectionary. For the time being, know that you may go to the ambo in the sanctuary and read God's Word.

NOVENA FOR PEACE: Remember that the novena is from May 3 - May 13. The novena ends on the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima. All participating ministries and those who are interested are invited to attend. Flower donations are welcome. To help us with our costs for the prayer booklet and novena, please consider sponsoring an ad for the prayer booklet. We are grateful to the many groups that are hosting the novena and are listed below. The schedule for

the novena is:

- Sunday, May 3, 4:15pm Spanish Community (then 5 p.m. Evening Prayer, Benediction and tea)
- Monday, May 4, 7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Tuesday, May 5, 7:00pm Holy Name Society
- Wednesday, May 6, 7:00pm Youth & Young Adult Group
- Thursday, May 7, 7:00pm Pilgrimage for Vocations Group
- Friday, May 8, 7:00pm Elizabeth Ministry
- Saturday, May 9, 6:00pm Vietnamese Community (between Masses)
- Monday, May 11, 7:00pm Liturgy Commission
- Tuesday, May 12, 7:00pm Legion of Mary of Greater ABQ
- Wednesday, May 13, 7:00pm Mass, candlelight rosary procession, and reception

FLOWERS & MAY CROWNING: As part of the Novena for Peace, we ask that all students bring fresh cut flowers to place at the statue of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, May 6 for a special procession and May Crowning of Mary at the School Eucharist (Mass) at 9 a.m.

M – h – M --- Mother's Day May 10 – From our MMM Ministers: When Jesus was on the cross he looked down and told a disciple to behold his Mother – to me this means to look after her. As disciples of Christ, Mature Members Ministry is asking all M (Mothers) to h (help) other M (mothers). How? By participating in a huge food drive – all Mothers, Grandmothers and future Mothers are asked to help other Mothers by bringing any non-perishable food items and as a group, at each Mass, to place that on the altar on Mother's Day. Can you imagine the sigh? As members of Saint Charles, let us imitate the life of Christ by being a witness of compassion and serve and openly show our love for other Mothers as we continue to share our faith.

Spread the Devotion to Our Lady & Saint Peter Julian: Parishioners who ordered statues of Saint Peter Julian Eymard and/or Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament may pick them up in the Front Office. We also ordered extra statues, for those who were not here for the first order. Advance sales were \$20. If you pick up statues today, they are \$25. Incidentally, as we know, May is the month of Mary and her title of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament has been celebrated on May 13. Since the beginning of the 20th century, Our Lady of Fatima has also been quite appropriately celebrated also on May 13. *These statues make the perfect Mother's Day gift!*

Every day at 4:15 p.m., we recite the rosary. Tuesday & Thursday mornings, there is also a recitation of the rosary at 7 a.m. Join us in the Shrine Chapel for this special devotional prayer of the church. Learn about this mantra of prayer by participating as often as you are able!

75th ANNIVERSARY CONTINUES: We continue our celebrations for our 75th anniversary and need to remind each other of the special prayer night on **Saturday, June 13**. This is the actual day when our church was founded in 1934. After the 5 p.m. Mass we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This weekend is the Solemnity of the Most Body and Blood of Christ. (In Latin, we used to call this day Corpus Christi – but now we focus on both the Body and Blood of Christ on the same day or solemnity. Let us plan on taking 30 minutes after Mass to pray and then say farewell to the 18th pastor and welcome the 19th pastor. More details to come!

This is the first opportunity for me to reflect in my column about the beautiful Palm Sunday and Triduum liturgies. Thank you for your active participation, through the singing, walking, praying, interaction and more. It was quite moving to me to see whom we have progressed in our love of the liturgy, especially the Holy Week liturgies. It was great to see people wash one another's feet in pledging service to each other, to see each person venerate the Holy Cross so reverently and devoutly,

those who were initiated touched our hearts through their excitement over the sacraments and wishing to live the Catholic Christian faith. I express our deep sense of gratitude to our deacons for their stirring homilies, the Catechumenate (RCIA) Team, which includes the Barry Family, Miriam Benedict, Lindsey & Sophia Nickels and the Medley Families, with new member Pete Havey, for their leadership and dedication to our neophytes all year. Special thanks go to Mary Donato and the Middle School students who led the Stations of the Cross at Noon on Good Friday. We are grateful to the Jiron Family and Zachary Family for their care of the environment and art of the church. We are blessed to have so many talented musicians who share their music gifts with us. Furthermore, our altar servers, youth group members (especially when the usher and direct traffic), communion ministers and lectors all need to be commended for their dedication and service to celebrate so well our sacred liturgies. I will miss you all very much and keep in the depths of my heart the profound ways we prayed together and celebrated the Paschal Mystery.

The school year is moving along quickly! Let us enjoy every moment of learning, take time to enjoy the homework and time together. And, let us continue to celebrate the Easter Season, pray for each other, and make appointments together as families to gather around the Table of the Lord.

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS
18th Pastor

P.S. Below is our prayer for May – the month of Mary.

75th Anniversary Plans

- **PICNIC EXCITEMENT:** Remember – turn in your raffle ticket monies to cover the cost of the picnic. It's a free picnic because we work so hard to sell the raffle tickets to support the free picnic. *Plan on the farewell picnic for Father Lane: Sunday, June 7, Noon – 3 p.m.*
- **DOOR PRIZES NEEDED:** *Don't forget to share your door prizes for the picnic. Winners need to be present!*
- **ANNIVERSARY DATE:** Saturday, June 13 is the day our church was established. Spend time giving Thanks to God after the 5 p.m. Mass. There will be a procession around the campus with the Blessed Sacrament, just like the first weekend the parish was established!
- **TURN IN YOUR RESERVATIONS:** We will have our 75th anniversary fundraising banquet on *Saturday, November 7*. Mass will be with Archbishop Sheehan at 5 p.m. Cocktails and banquet at the Hotel Albuquerque following at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively. Sign up at the Front Office – Tickets are \$75 a person to benefit Saint Charles. Please make your checks payable to Saint Charles, and place in the memo: 75th anniversary fundraising banquet.
- **SPREAD THE WORD:** Invite former parishioners to our anniversary banquet to share in the fun and history of our parish, visit with former SSS members and pastors and other invited guests who are part of the heritage of the parish's life. If there is someone who needs a special invitation, let us know at the Front Desk or through Carolyn Olona 268-4785.
- **EARLY BIRD WINNERS:** congratulations to Rosemary Mudd and Gloria Marquez for winning our early bird prizes to Richards Restaurant on Menaul (a special donation from this great Mexican restaurant!). Our next bird drawings are: **Saturday, May 9, 2008: 5 p.m.**

Calendar & Other Reminders:

- **FIRST COMMUNION:** Pray for our Catholic School Students who will be at Saint Ann this day celebrating their special moment of initiation in the faith on Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m.
- **NOVENA FOR PEACE BEGINS:** Sunday, May 3 (see schedule elsewhere)
- **MATURE MEMBERS MINISTRY:** Come to our next planning meeting, Tuesday, May 5, 12:45 p.m. in the Mahady Meeting Room.
- **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER CELEBRATED @ SAINT CHARLES:** Join in the national day of prayer and our celebration of it on Thursday, May 7. The day's events. This is also our day of the Eucharistic Associates (Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament)
 - 7 a.m. Rosary
 - 8 a.m. Morning Prayer
 - 12:10 p.m. Eucharist
 - 12:35 p.m. Living Rosary (Holy Name Society will lead)
 - 4:15 p.m. Rosary
 - 5: p.m. Evening Prayer
 - 5:30 p.m. Novena to Saint Peter Julian Eymard
 - 6 p.m. Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament Potluck
 - 7 p.m. Novena for Peace
 - 7:30 p.m. Final plans for the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharistic Associates) Ceremony
- **LITURGY COMMISSION:** Monday, May 11, 7 p.m. (in church for novena, then the Mahady Meeting Room)

May 2009 Prayer of the Month

Traditional Prayer for the Easter Season & Mary's Month:

Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

For he whom you were chosen to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray to God for us, alleluia

Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, alleluia.

For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

{Additional part when said at bed time as a family:}

Let us pray. Father, you were please to give joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grant, we ask you, that through the mediation of the Virgin Mary, His mother,

We may come to possess the joys of life everlasting.

Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.