



The Cardinal Flyer

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BJ's Corner

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

I am "blown away" at how well our parents have come together to insure the Halloween Carnival is a huge success. I invite you to join your child for lunch or come by and spend the afternoon. This is a school event and the first time the entire student body has been able to attend the carnival. Exciting...

Question: How many people does it take to put the Cardinal Flyer together?

Answer: Four. Yes, four of us write, type and edit. Often times I take literary license to get various points across. Do we misspell? Sometimes. Do we make punctuation errors, sometimes, but remember we are getting the news out.

See you on Friday.
B.J.

From the Albuquerque Journal Letters to The Editor

Many Parents Look for Fault Anywhere but Home

AT THE RISK of being an old wart hog, I must say my attention was caught by two articles that dealt with adolescents.

One was about the ordinance passed in Hobbs making parents legally responsible for the misdeeds of their adolescent children. Hooray! The other was about the football players' rapes in Las Vegas, and the allegation that the ringleaders' fathers were in denial. The more I hear from teachers and other adults who work with young people, the more I hear about generalized parental denial; "My child doesn't... Who are those parents? Are they so distracted by their own ambitions and entertainments that they're not paying attention? Are they so emotionally needy that they do all they can to placate their children? What kind of discipline or personal example are they providing? What are the values of those parents? Is it all "me first" and "might makes right," with no sense of community or personal responsibility? Every time I hear a candidate speak or read an article about schools not meeting the needs of children and parents, I want to wretch. I guess teachers and principals are supposed to apologize when they report disobedient, disruptive behavior or lackluster academic performance. The prevailing mantra seems to be that it's all somebody else's fault. Certainly not the kids' or their parents?

Gayle Thompson Prinkey
Albuquerque

Calendar

October 31st -

Halloween Carnival

11:30 – 2:30

Answers to Burning Questions!

Why was the Athletic Fee raised from \$50.00 to \$75.00.? Where does the \$75.00 athletic fee go each season?

The athletic fee has not been raised at St. Charles for over 10 years. Athletics is an extra and must be able to sustain itself and provide some extra to go back into the school budget. The fee helps to pay for coaches, parochial fees, referees and other incidentals. When the teams are more than 12 each – we are able to set money aside for new uniforms and for much need equipment. The past few years the school has had to bail out the athletic department and rely on parents to somehow raise the money for new uniforms. The goal is to become self-sustaining and be able to provide new uniforms and equipment when necessary.

Here is an example:

There were 33 volleyball players who paid \$75 each. That adds up to \$2475.00. Coaches are paid leaving us with \$1125.00. Parochial fees so far this year were \$400 which brings us to \$725. We have not received the bill for refs – refs are paid \$75.00 per game per ref (\$450.00 per season with one ref - so basketball will be more expensive) with 6 home games which brings our total to \$275.00. Utilities run about \$150 per month in September and October – sky rocketing to \$900 per month in winter months. Athletics portion of that ranges from \$60.00 to \$360.00 per month. All monies left over are put toward new equipment and uniforms. So we take \$60 dollars off for utilities and end up with \$215.00 to set aside for higher utilities during the winter and uniform/fund. If we had only charged \$50.00, we would be -\$610.00 in that fund, hence the reason we have not been able to purchase any new equipment and uniforms in the past several years. As far as equipment and uniforms, the athletic director is assessing which items need to be replaced first and setting up a priority list on what to purchase next.

Peanut Butter Collection

During the month of October, the St. Charles Borromeo School NJHS club is sponsoring a Peanut Butter collection for the Albuquerque Storehouse. We are asking each child to bring in one jar. This peanut butter will be used to help feed many children in our city.

Don't Forget to Participate in Scrip

Order your Scrip cards. We order on Tuesdays. This is a great way to help the school, and it is convenient for shopping and giving gifts. Check the web site for more information. Order forms are available in the office. Keep bringing in your plastic bags!

Save your Plastic Bags! Keep bringing in your plastic bags! The **Wal-Mart Kids Recycling Challenge** runs from October 1, 2008 until March 31, 2009.

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**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SCHOOL
Annual Halloween Carnival
Calling all ghosts, goblins and saints...**

Come "trick or treat"

With the St. Charles crew!

**We'll play some games, eat some munchies and parade
around in our costumes, too!**

Halloween Day

Friday, October 31, 2008

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*****If you can't make it all day – come for lunch!!!**

Pre-Purchase Your Carnival Tickets!

One Ticket = 50¢

I would like to purchase (please circle):

10 tickets for \$5 20 tickets for \$10 30 tickets for \$15 40 tickets for \$20 50 tickets
for \$25

Child's Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Return this form along with a check payable to St. Charles, labeled Carnival Tickets, on the memo line, to your child's teacher, or directly to the office, before October 29, 2008.

Watch for blasts for more information!!!!

**Parent Contributions FOR
Halloween Carnival**

K- 3 rd	And	1 six pack of soda
		1-1 lb bag of candy
4 th Grade	And	1 six pack of diet soda
		1-1 lb bag of candy
5 th Grade		2 – 2 liter bottles of soda

And 1-1 lb bag of candy

6th, 7th and 8th Grade 1 baked good (Please wrap and bring to school on Friday, October 31, 2008. Please do not send store bought items in packages such as Oreo Cookies or Twinkies).

All items need to be brought to school during the week of October 27th, and no later than October 30th. The items should be given to the teacher. No gum, please.
Thank you for your support in making the 2008 Annual Halloween Carnival a success!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

From the Pastor's Perspective

At the end of this week, we will begin the annual remembrance of the saints and the deceased. This is an opportunity for us to teach our children about the cycles of life, the place of heaven and the teachings on hell. With the Irish customs and their new year beginning with November, the Triduum (3 days) festival began. First, we would remember the saints (on All Hallow's Eve). This evening celebration or vigil, as we have come to know, became the night and day to dress as the saints of old. We hoped to become like them! This is why we would place masks on our faces, to resemble our heroes and grow in holiness. "Hallow" means to become holy or the "holy's."

The new year, or "All Saints Day" helped us remember those who we felt made it to live with Christ in glory. This year, the solemnity, or highest ranking feast day, of All Saints, is on a Saturday and is not observed as a day of obligation, or a day in which we are required to go to Mass and refrain from work. (When holy days of obligation are on a Saturday or Monday, this requirement subsides. The Nativity of the Lord or Christmas, December 25 and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8 are the only two days in our country that are always days of obligation, no matter what day of the week they fall on.) At Saint Charles, we will still observe this holy day with a Mass at 9 a.m., Saturday, November 1.

Then on Sunday, November 2, the feast of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or what we used to call "All Souls Day," continues our remembrance of those who have gone before us. We remember all those who have died with a special Mass on this day. At Saint Charles, we have a novena, or prayers/Masses, that remember those who have died, for nine days in a row. Please come to the front office of the parish to have your loved ones remembered. You may also write their names in the *Book of the Dead*, in the place of honor of our church. Next to the *Book of the Dead*, we light the Paschal Candle, as a way to remember that Christ has lit their way to the Father. We also place items from the deceased in the Place of Honor, including skulls, as a remembrance in an ironic, or humorous way, those who have died. We place food, flowers and other items that were special to those who have died.

Helping our students talk about life, death, the resurrection, and other matters of the end of times assists them in growing in our Catholic faith. The "paschal mystery" is the birth, life, passion, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. We enter into this same paschal mystery when we are baptized into Christ. What a wonderful opportunity for us to share with our students the natural process of life, similar to the process of life that is going on around us with the fall arriving – leaves and nature dying, only to come to rebirth and new life this spring.

On another matter: I hear often your frustration over in sport schedules and practices and other activities that your children are involved. The many practices

and places one must take their children to; sports practices, games, dance classes, karate classes, swimming, etc., attending rehearsals of all types, especially on weekends and holidays, must be overwhelming. It is quite unfair to your family life. May I suggest something quite radical? Stop the madness! (To quote a famous guru of our times) Help set rules for the coaches and leagues. Tell them of your unhappiness and that they are overreaching into your family life. They are taking away your quality of life. While exercise and teams are so important to life development, so are the family and religious practices that are being quite literally sacrificed and tossed aside for the "god" of a sport. I know that you do not want to teach your family to break a commandment ("You shall not have other gods besides me.") However.... think about what we are doing to our families and societies. It pains me to hear of families separate and segregated for the holidays because of tournaments and more. Remember what the Gospel says and what we are required through our Catholic tenants of faith: God, family and then everything else. A friendly and loving reminder from your pastor who cares about you and worries about the what I have seen, and observed, and what I hear through you, and experience with families going through this frustration of over involvement. Perhaps the coach and/or sports organization should not be the guardian of your family schedule & life? Why are we letting them take over the Lord's Day? It is the Lord's Day and none others! Let us worship God alone; God alone are we called to worship.

Thank you for sharing your students with us at Saint Charles. They are a huge blessing. Let us continue to pray for each other.

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS
18th Pastor

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November 2008 Prayer

Order of Christian Funerals, 1989

Leader: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Response: And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Leader: May they rest in peace.

Response: Amen.

Leader: May the souls of all the faithful departed

Response: through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Respect Life Month: Faithful Citizenship

A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility

The Catholic community is a diverse community of faith, not an interest group. Our Church does not offer contributions or endorsements. Instead, we raise a series of questions, seeking to help lift up the moral and human dimensions of the choices facing voters and candidates:

- When should our nation use, or avoid the use of, military force--for what purpose, under what authority, and at what human cost?
- How can we join with other nations to lead the world to greater respect for human life and dignity, religious freedom and democracy, economic justice, and care for God's creation?

This year, for president, and other offices, there is no "pro-ALL-life" candidate. Not one

of the candidates presenting themselves follows the teachings of the Catholic Church. Please do your best in choosing who you will support with your vote. Please know that the Catholic Church has not sponsored or advocates one candidate or another.

Campaign for Human Development

Each November, we focus on this special campaign that was started by the US bishops in the 1970 to end poverty and develop grant programs to help people and organizations “hang on every day.” CCHD funds community-based programs created and managed by low-income people. CCHD promotes acts of solidarity with the poor and supports grassroots programs aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. Miriam Benedict, our Gospel/Social Justice Commission chair, serves on the local board determining grants for our community. If you have any further questions, or seek additional information, please contact her. In the meantime, support the annual collection on the third Sunday of November, November 16, 2008.

Christmas Store

A 21-year Saint Charles Tradition of service and support, the Christmas Store needs your help. Please volunteer some time to bring Christmas to children in need by signing-up with Robin Sandler at 848-1345. Send your donations to:

The Christmas Store
c/o New Mexico Community Foundation
343 East Alameda
Santa Fe, NM 87501

The Christmas Store needs volunteers for December 13th, 19th and 20th. Be a part of the St. Charles Borromeo tradition of helping families in need by giving a few hours of your time. Call Robin Sandler at 848-1345.

Calendar of Parish Events: All Welcome

- **ALL PRIESTS ON CONVOCATION:** Monday, November 3 – Thursday, November 6. There will be Communion Services on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday so that the priest may attend this important meeting for the Year of the Word: On Preaching. There are no confessions on Wednesday, November 5.
- **PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL LITURGIES:** A Mature Members Ministry Special Event with Father Lane, SSS: **Tuesday, November 18, 1 p.m. in the Committee Room.**
- **EUCCHARISTIC ASSOCIATES:** All are welcome – come for one or for all of this schedule, **Thursday (the day of the Eucharist), November 20:**
 - 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 support the ham that Father Lane will make)
 - 7:00 p.m. Eucharist Talk (after supper in the MMR)

Religious Formation & Youth Ministry

- Middle School & High School Youth Group Meets Sundays @ 3:30 p.m. in the Youth Center (See the Orange Door).
- Youth Mass each Sunday @ 5 p.m.
- Mark Your Calendar — Ms. Sam Kauffman, nationally known speaker and dramatist, will be doing a presentation and Advent reflection (yes it's getting to be that time) on November 16 at 12:30 pm at the Newman Center Please plan an attending this very special opportunity to celebrate our spiritual heritage and beliefs.