



# The Cardinal Flyer

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## BJ's Corner

The second part of a series on the millennial generation born in 1980-2001, is a snapshot review of Ron Alsop's book, [The Trophy Kids Grow Up](#). Research has shown, millennials want too much, too soon. In the work force they expect; higher pay, flexible work schedules, quick promotions, and more vacations or personal time. "They want to be CEO tomorrow." As boomers retire, the millennials are finding they have to adjust work around their lives rather than planning their lives around work. The following is an example of what I'm talking about. An employee missed an important deadline and the manager asked why, "Oh you forgot to remind me." Ask yourselves, are we enabling this generation by adapting to their needs? Responsibility is a learned trait. Ponder whether you are teaching responsibility or enabling your child.

Have a great week.

B.J.

## Let us remember each other and how we speak to each other in this season of thanksgiving.

"Today I said, 'Clean your room right now.'  
I failed to say, 'Thanks for doing a neat job.'  
Today I said, 'You're late. Hurry up!'  
I failed to say, 'I enjoy having you around.'  
Today I said, 'How in the world did you tear your jeans?'  
I failed to say, 'You're more important than things to me.'  
Today I said, 'Look at this mess!'  
I failed to say, 'I like the way you share with friends.'  
Today I said, 'Don't talk so loud.'  
I failed to say, 'Your ideas are important to me.'  
Today I said, 'Don't forget to empty the trash.'  
I failed to say, 'You accept responsibility well.'  
Today I said, 'I wish you'd stop that silly giggling.'  
I failed to say, 'I'm glad you're so happy today.'  
Today I said, 'Have you finished your homework?'  
I failed to say, 'I'm glad you do your best.'  
Today I said, 'I'm too busy.'  
I failed to say, 'Let's do something together.'  
Today I said, 'I need some peace and quiet.'  
I failed to say, 'I'm glad you're my child.'  
Today I said, 'Don't ever do that again.'  
I failed to say, 'I love you.'"  
-J. A. Blevins, "Words," Living With Children

Today, may the "I failed to say" be few and the prayers be plentiful!

## Calendar

*Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester  
Report Cards*

*Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>- Early  
Dismissal 12:30 (After  
care is available)*

*Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> No  
School Thanksgiving  
Break*

## Kudos to...

Al Abeyta, Eric Cobb, Martin Lujan and William Bonachea-Niwa. They worked very hard putting together risers and re-wiring our Christmas play scenery.

## Christmas Gift Ideas:

C is for Cardinal – give a gift of a book that provides life long memories. Reduced rate – see our finance office.

**Only two more times to buy Scrip before Christmas.** 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 at the website and in the office.

## Christmas Musical Is Coming!!!

The time is drawing near for this year's Christmas Musical. The various grades will be required to wear certain attire for the evening. The following is what will be needed by grade.

**Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** will need to wear a plain (no writing or pictures) white, gray, pink or tan sweat suit. Students may wear the sweat suit inside out to hide any images or so the color is appropriate. They should wear athletic shoes.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade** should have brought in a plain dark blue short sleeve t-shirt to leave in the classroom. We will be attaching something to the shirt so send a shirt that you are willing to let us alter. Please put full name on tag. They should wear dark pants and athletic shoes.

**Middle school** will need to wear a solid green t-shirt (with sleeves and round neckline), khaki pants and athletic shoes.

**Keep bringing in your plastic bags!** Just an update for plastic bag collection. We have turned in 24 bags for a total of \$120.00. Don't forget the school in this area that brings in the most bags can win \$3000.00. Save those bags during holiday shopping and bring them in. We have until March 31, 2009. **Save and bring in your bags on Monday, 12/1. There will be people collecting your bags during afternoon pickup. You won't even have to leave your car!**

## Girl's Basketball

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Fatima at Home C-Team 4:00 A-Team 5:00

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Queen of Heaven at Q of H C-Team 4:00, B-Team 5:00, A-Team 6:00

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annunciation at Home C-Team 4:00, B-Team 5:00, A-Team 6:00

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Mary ABQ at Home C-Team 4:00, B-Team 5:00, A-Team 6:00

## KOATS For Kids

KOAT-TV sponsors the annual collection of gently used or new coats for the less fortunate. Send in those coats with your child or drop off at the front

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office.

### **Entertainment Books**

- Do you still need an Albuquerque/Santa Fe **Entertainment 2009** book?
- Would you like to purchase an **Entertainment** book from another city to use on a trip or send it as a gift to a friend or relative across the country?

#### **Then go to [www.entertainment.com/support](http://www.entertainment.com/support)**

Just enter our school's account number **201324**. Click "continue" to start shopping. Even though our fundraiser is over St. Charles Borromeo School will continue to earn profits from your purchases of the local Albuquerque/Santa Fe book or any of the other city editions.

**Get your pictures in the yearbook!** The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.jostens.com>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter **username:1194132** and **password:wisdom2009**
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 2/20/2009.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

*The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.*

### **Book Drive for The Christmas Season**

For the past fourteen years St. Charles Borromeo Parish has hosted the Christmas Store, which has been in existence for twenty-two years total, in the school's gymnasium. The Christmas Store is a project that was created to provide the parents of low income families the opportunity to "shop" at the gym for their children among the vast donations of toys and books given by various organizations and individuals. Parents leave with one toy and one book for each of their children.

Aside from this, parents also receive a voucher from the New Mexico Community Foundation to be used for shopping at Target for their children. One voucher per child is issued, the monetary value based on the age of the child -- newborn through twelfth grade. The merchandise is purchased tax-free thanks to Target. The New Mexico Community Foundation keeps an account for the Christmas Store with the money raised throughout the year via, once again, generous donations from organizations and individuals.

Last year the Christmas Store was able to serve 400 children. This year, due to a decrease in funds, the goal is to serve 300 children. One area in

which the Christmas Store is lacking and in which St. Charles school can get involved is in providing a good selection of books specifically for 5th -- 12th graders. St. Charles would like to start a drive for new or "gently used" books for this age group during the month of November. You can send a book with your son/daughter to school. Upper elementary and middle school students may have a recommendation for a book they enjoyed and think someone of their age may enjoy as well; otherwise Principal BJ will include a list of possible books on our website.

The Christmas Store will take place this year on December 13th at Target and December 20th at St. Charles gym. They always need volunteers for these mornings. If anyone is interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about the Christmas Store, you can contact one of this year's coordinators, Robin Sandler, at John Marshall Social Service Center at 848-1345. We realize this is one of many causes we face these days, assisting people less fortunate than ourselves. Thank-you for your consideration in support of this cause during the upcoming Christmas season.

### **From the pastor's perspective**

"It is truly right and just, always and everywhere to give you thanks." These are the words of the Eucharistic Prayer II and many of the other 10 Eucharistic Prayers that we say for Mass. I am grateful to the parents and grandparents who send their children for school, here at Saint Charles. It was a huge blessing in my life and I give God thanks and praise that I am serving with you in a parish that has a school.

Recently, I attended a liturgy convention where we heard the statistics of church worship and what we as Catholic leaders could do to promote church worship. First, we have to invite people and remind them of their obligation from the Bible to worship God each Sunday, each Lord's Day. We feel we have many obligations, but our first is always to God and we express this in corporate worship. Secondly, it's important to know why we come each week regularly to Mass: to practice and deepen our spirituality and relationship with God. Most of us are familiar with why we practice math, or basketball or soccer. But, we do not see worship and attending church as practicing God's life together and growing in Christian solidarity and care. This is precisely what and why we attend Mass and our church. We are part of a community, we were not created, isolated or on our own, but in a family which is part of the greater family of humankind. Finally, we are a society of go-getters and not a society of go-givers. Coming to church, and being with others in worship, reminds us that we give back to our maker and become go-givers.

Since I've been pastor, I've been pleased to see more of the school families participating and joining in the life of Saint Charles. When I arrived in 2003, only 10% of the school families were part of the parish family. Now 20% of the school families belong to the parish; it is a joy to worship together and serve together in the parish's ministries. I hope you know how much it means to me, to your children, and to the great community to see school families taking up the torch of service and growing in the love and care of the parish's life and ministries. It means we practice what we believe and want to share our faith with others. This is evangelization and has a deep impact on us personally and in the community. Long-time parishioners, who have been in your shoes years ago, feel edified that you are living out your faith so well. They pray for you daily, at Mass or Morning or Evening prayer, to support you in your role as a Christian parent.

There are so many benefits to worshipping, belonging and serving at the same church and school. There are even the extra benefits of tax deductions. As we prepare for next year's school year, and our budgets for both the parish and the school, consider belonging to one church – Saint Charles. Below, you will see a more detailed explanation of the school subsidy method. Each student that belongs to a church family receives this gift from the parish. We ask that you serve your parish, through tithing, talents and treasure; so that you can give back to God and give thanks to God for the blessings you have received from the Lord and from your faith, church community. The Sunday congregation is where we gather to be a community of faith, through worship, service, and of course, Coffee & Donuts. ☺

Join with us Wednesday and Thursday for the special Masses here at Saint Charles that are both at 9 a.m. Come and share your gratefulness and witness your thanksgiving to God.

Lastly, I would like to preview for us a special event that will be occurring on **Friday, January 9**. We will have a special vocation day, and **Mass at 9 a.m. with Archbishop Sheehan**. In order to begin to learn the special liturgical greetings that we say with a bishop, I have included them as the December prayer of the month. Place this date on your calendar and prepare to welcome the archbishop to our school for this special event. It has been six years since he has joined our school events; let us welcome him and join in a special day, focusing on vocations to the church's service.

May God bless you this Thanksgiving! Thank you again for your gifts you share with Saint Charles. Let us continue to pray for each other!

In Christ our Eucharist,



Reverend John Thomas Lane, SSS  
18<sup>th</sup> Pastor

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### Prayer of the month: December 2008

*Preparing for the Archbishop's Visit to our school, Friday, January 9, for National Vocation Day – here is the response for Mass when a bishop is present. It is a beautiful prayer to share with each other.*

**Leader:** Blessed be the name of the Lord

**All:** Both now and forever.

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

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### Other News to remember from Father Lane, SSS:

**Advent begins:** It's time to plan for your Advent family rituals. Time to buy the candles and wreath materials. There is no requirement for a certain color for the Advent wreath. The traditional colors have been violet and rose. Others have used purple, pink, blue, white, etc. The point is that we stay faithful throughout the four weeks and build time within our family life to gather and pray together around. Be sure to take the time to spend a few evening meals together and take time lighting the candles. The candles represent the weeks we wait to celebrate the nativity of the Lord (Christmas). They also help us remember that we are waiting for Christ to come again. The first three weeks of Advent focus our attention on preparing for the "day of the Lord." Our scripture readings and prayers for the liturgies help us wait and prepare for the Lord's return. The last nine days of Advent help us remember when Christ first came as a child at Nazareth. We look forward to this time and I encourage you to take time to attend Mass, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, or to make a commitment to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, here at Saint Charles or at another church near to your home or work place.

**Waiting in joyful hope:** We do not like to wait; it's quite the challenge. Advent spirituality helps us create that space of waiting, of peace, of prayer. Please continue to develop your own spirituality with the church's music, prayer and sacraments.

Creating a space for prayer and waiting helps us live in a world driven by marketing and consumerism. It is quite challenging to celebrate and live Advent in a culture that continues to inspire us to buy and do a lot of shopping. This year the forces will be harder on us, due to the fact that the economy is quite challenged. However, let us not forget that we are Christians for a reason; we are counter-cultural for a reason; we are waiting for Christ and living his message of hope, peace and love for a reason. It is helpful to prepare and think of “what will I do for Advent?” “What will I give up for Advent?” “How will I fast for Advent?” This will help us live the three-week Christmas Season, reawaken us to the mystery of the incarnation, and impress on us how graces our lives really are.

***Having Posadas:*** Our parish has not hosted “posadas” in a long time. We are bringing back this tradition with three evenings, at the church, where parishioners will join in remembrance of the Holy Family by going from home to home. We will be at our home away from home! Please plan on bringing a dish to share. Sign up sheets will be in the vestibule after December 1. The three evenings will be: **Sunday, December 21 after the 5 p.m. Mass @ 6 p.m., Monday, December 22, 6 p.m. & Tuesday, December 23 @ 6 p.m.**

***Preparing for the Year of Mark:*** We are going to be moving into the lectionary cycle of readings – with the whole year mostly dedicated to the Gospel of Mark. For Advent and six weeks in the summertime 2009, there will be readings from other Gospel, due to the fact that Mark’s Gospel is shorter and does not have the infancy narratives of Jesus. Lectors are reminded to begin their new workbooks and look at the special sheet that was provided with a schedule of the readings, especially for Christmas.

***Christmas Schedule:*** As we are planning, it is helpful to remind you of our decision last year for the improved Christmas schedule, which is the same as our regular Mass schedule. This is to make it convenient, not confusing, for those non-regular participants in Saint Charles’ liturgy life:

- **Wednesday, December 24: 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. (trilingual celebration)**
- **Thursday, December 25: 9 a.m. (with the Youth Christmas Gospel) & 11 a.m.**
- **No evening Mass on Christmas Day**

***Shrine Chapel Update:*** It is the hope of our Maintenance Committee to put in a new wood floor and to have a memorial wall plaque (in the New Mexican retablo style) commemorating the Blessed Sacrament priests and brothers who have served in our parish from 1966 to 2009. We also hope, to have new chairs that have built in kneelers. Let me know if you are interested and able in making this dream a reality. Before my term ends as pastor, I want to have many things in place for the next 75 years. We have done so much together to improve our campus, especially the church buildings and the faith life. Thank you for sharing your blessings with our community and improving our Shrine chapel. We have created a legacy for the next 75 years of the parish!

***Raffle Sponsors:*** We are planning for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary picnic and are still looking for sponsors, even corporate sponsors, for printing the raffle tickets (about \$2,500), prizes (HD TV anyone?), and more. Please contact me soon so that we may begin to prepare and advertise your sponsorship. Ask the place where you work if they can help or let me know who I should contact so that I may check in with them. Our Social Committee wants this picnic to be our biggest and best parish picnic ever – worthy of 75 years!

***Subsidy Formula:*** It is the policy of the archdiocese that all registered members of the parish who send their children to a Catholic school qualify for a \$300 subsidy to the school of their choice. Through tithing, a family is able to assist the parish with this expense to the school. In order to meet parish expenses, our parish school subsidy policy is that parishioners are asked to tithe, donating a minimum amount of \$500 (per child) **to the parish** (ACA is to the archdiocese) to qualify as an active and contributing parishioner. If a grandparent or guardian is supporting the child’s education, that

person(s) is asked to tithe and donate the qualifying amount of \$500. Please insure that this occurs within the 2008 fiscal year. If you are unable to make the \$500 parish commitment, please see Father Lane to discuss your financial arrangements for the 2009-2010 School Year.

***How We Close the Campus for Inclement Weather:*** Remember the slogan... "When APS is closed, we are closed." The TV stations will rarely make announcements about parish meetings on the air. They will on the web site. Please know that if UNM, CNM or APS are closed, this means that we are not able to have meetings, classes and the front office is closed.

### Religious Formation & Youth Ministry News

- Each Sunday 5 p.m. Mass at Saint Charles is our youth group and young adult group Mass. Join the music group practice at 4 p.m. Help read, usher, or be a Communion Minister.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta

Remember our wonderful parish fiestas! We always look forward to these special traditions in our parish. I am grateful to Roberta Abeita and the Social Committee Team for their assistance. Please remember to bring a salad or dessert to share and help with cleanup afterward. Our Lady of Guadalupe: **Saturday, December 13:** 5 p.m. (no 7 p.m. Mass): New Mexican Dinner – tamales are the star food, made by our loving hands! We will have 70 dozen to eat, or buy for a take-out fundraiser!

- **EUCCHARISTIC ASSOCIATES:** All are welcome – come for one or for all of these special times/or events, **Thursday (the day of the Eucharist), November 20 & December 4:**
  - 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 on How to Pray in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament (after supper in the MMR)

### Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Saint Charles

Please see our parish website or contact Mary Donato < [mariud@juno.com](mailto:mariud@juno.com) > for details, or call her at (505) 321- 8603. Please contact Mary to register and send your deposit directly to The Catholic Tour Company for March 17- 28, 2009(**SPRING BREAK**) to Milan, Assisi and Rome. Please join Fr. Lane, SSS, as our chaplain, for this exciting spiritual journey in honor of our parish's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Invite your friends and neighbors from around the country. A \$300 deposit is due soon to guarantee your spot. We have had several parishioners and friends of Saint Charles sign up. Reserve your space today! We have printed information in regard to this pilgrimage in the Front Office.

### Support Groups for Children of Divorce or Separation

Please register and find out more information through the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, (505) 831-8117.

### Pictures for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Plan on having family pictures for Easter! In December we will sign up for our family pictures that will be taken during the last two weeks of January. For more information, to volunteer, or more information, please contact the Front Office. The pictures will be free and part of our directory for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. You may

order pictures for your family, at a special price for gifts!

### **Octave for Christian Unity**

Set aside the special days of prayer for Christian Unity, January 18 – 25. Saint Charles will host one of the days of prayer, Sunday, January 18. Please contact Father Lane for more information and to volunteer.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

Saint Charles is proud to regularly celebrate communal celebrations of this special sacrament. Here are our upcoming dates below. You may request Father Lane to anoint you at any time before a surgery or moving into a nursing home. The following are celebrated in the middle of Mass:

- **Sunday, December 14**, Third Sunday of Advent, 11 a.m.
- **Wednesday, February 11**, Our Lady of Lourdes, and World Day of the Sick, 7 a.m. or anytime during this day
- **Sunday, March 29**, Fifth Week of Lent, 11 a.m.
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### **Advent Reconciliation Schedule**

Monday, December 1, 7 p.m.	Risen Savior
Tuesday, December 2, 9 a.m.	Saint Charles School & All welcome
Wednesday, December 3, 9 a.m.	Saint Charles School & All welcome
Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.	Holy Ghost
Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m.	Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m.	Our Lady of the Annunciation
Thursday, December 11, 7 p.m.	Our Lady of the Assumption
Monday, December 15, 7 p.m.	Prince of Peace
Tuesday, December 16, 7 p.m.	Saint Bernadette
Friday, December 19, 7 p.m.	Aquinas Newman Center

Each Wednesday & Saturday, 11 – 11:45 p.m. Saint Charles (except December 24)

### **Indoor Yard Sale and Dorothy Day Celebration**

Please join the Catholic Worker communities of Albuquerque (Casa de las Comunidades and Trinity House) and the Social Justice Commission of Saint Charles Borromeo for a festive weekend event on Nov. 29 and 30. We will celebrate a mass in honor of Dorothy Day, the Catholic Worker founder, on Saturday at 10 am at Saint Charles Church. On Sunday we will have a fundraising event in the Saint Charles gym featuring an indoor yard sale, food, and music, from 10:00 a.m. (after Mass) to 2 p.m. Please come support us! For more information, please call 505-242-0497 or email [trinityhouse@catholicworker.biz](mailto:trinityhouse@catholicworker.biz).

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