

WEEK of 04 NOVEMBER 2018



Bishop Seitz welcomes a refugee family

In Sunday's gospel, Jesus and a scribe agreed on what summarizes the whole Law: Love God with all your heart, soul, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself. The first half is the *shema* and all Jews knew this as the heart of the Law. Jesus clarified the second section. A proper relationship with God should result in treating others with the same generous love and outrageous mercy which God gives us. The scribe in Mark's story noted, "... to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Adherence to religious rituals is good but not enough. Our faith must be lived out in tangible ways which reflect the dignity given to everyone, not by governments, but by the Creator.

We on the borderland face many challenges. One developing crisis is the arrival of 2000 refugees per week to this area. The federal and local agencies are expecting local churches and non-profits to assist in processing the refugee families. Bishop Mark Seitz is responding the needs by transforming Martyr's Hall at the diocesan center into a makeshift shelter with over 100 beds. He is asking the Catholic community to live out their faith by responding to the extent that they can. Our school community is having a drive to collect toiletries, socks, pants, over-the-counter medicine and bed linens. They are asking for volunteers to help process the refugees in order to connect them with sponsor families in the US. Volunteers are needed to cook and serve meals.

May the Holy Spirit help us discern what we must do. May God continue to bless the efforts of the many who are helping to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, and clothe the naked.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- The needs of our students, staff, and families this fourth week of the second quarter;
- A peaceful day of voting with as many people participating as possible;
- Those migrating in the Americas and around the world;
- In thanksgiving for the safe travel of our teams;
- The Holy Spirit may inspire our students and alumni to consider a life as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Our art teacher, Adriana Zavala, who continues her recovery from surgery;
- Ulli Reichenbach, CHS teacher, as he recovers from hip surgery;
- Families undergoing divorce;
- Our seniors as they apply to colleges;
- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families;
- Those in need of healing; the mother of Jeannette Peterson; our students: Zachary Bowling, Nate Aguilar, Zach Deitch, Edwin Osorno; alumnus Arthur Alarcon; Mary Vallejo

(mother of Yvonne Davis); Raul Natividad '98; those fighting cancer (Homero Silva, Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, CHS mother Rosa Maria Sosa, alumnus Javier Olmos); those dealing with addiction; and for those struggling with mental illness;

- Those in mourning; especially the Alvarez, Wyndham, Papatheodorou, and Strain families.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Thank you to **Ms. Olivas**, our French teacher, for her wonderful service this year. We wish her well on her life's journey. We welcome **Mr. Jerome Dumeusois** as he begins his tenure with our school community.

Kudos to the **Irish Cross Country** team for capturing **fourth place** at the TAPPS State Championship meet. Special recognition to senior **Brandon Seagreaves** for his **first place** finish! Well done **Coach Montoya**, the **student-athletes**, and the **parents!**

Congratulations to senior **Samuel Trejo** whose artwork was selected by the Christian Brothers Conference, a national Lasallian network, for their 2018 Christmas card. You can learn more about the CBC at <https://www.lasallian.info/about/>.

Outstanding job to our **Foreign Language Department** and **students** for the construction of four altars for the **Day of Dead**. Three altars were decorated by Spanish language students while a fourth was constructed by our French language students. All of them honored the dead with favorite treats, tombstones and photos. Classes enjoyed delicious *pan de muerto*, *champurrado* y *leche* on the Feast of All Souls. Many thanks to the parents who helped with the treats and to **Ms. Garibay**, **Mrs. Hernandez** and **Ms. Olivas** for organizing the annual event. The altars will stay up another week so that people can enjoy them.

Kudos to the **Science Honor Society** and **Ms. Shashy** for raising over **\$500** at the annual faculty versus seniors volleyball game. The faculty dominated the competition. The game is part of an effort to create cancer awareness. All proceeds go to provide mammograms to women of limited means.

Congratulations to senior **Saul Baeza de la Paz** for being awarded **Wendy's High School Heisman Award** for CHS. He now advances to state competition.

We send a major shout out to the **Irish Run Committee** (which includes **RJ Bowling**, **Isaac Dominguez**, **Mrs. Brittain**, **Mrs. Porras**, and **Mr. Puertas**) who gathered to get the final tally for this year's fundraiser. Thanks to the committee's tireless efforts, the run raised a record



Enjoying *pan de muerto* on Day of the Day of the Dead

\$40,000 in profits; mostly through sponsorships. These funds will be split between the academic and athletic teams for travel to state competition.

Kudos to the **Mass Music Group** and **Ms. Montoya** for helping create a beautiful Eucharistic celebration for **All Saints Day**. We're grateful to the **junior class** and **Brother Rafael** for organizing the Mass. Thank you to **Fr. Miguel Briseno, OFM**, our celebrant.



The horrors of Halloween

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who celebrate their **birthdays** this week:

- Sunday, 04 November: **Israel Diaz, Sergi Virgili, Victor Perez, Bernardo Marquez, Luis Hidalgo**
- Monday, 05 November: **Josue Rios**
- Tuesday, 06 November: **Mrs. Morales** (librarian)
- Wednesday, 07 November: **Anil Narayanan**
- Thursday, 08 November: **Sebastian Mendoza**

NEWS YOU NEED:

Our community is currently receiving almost 2,000 refugees per week. They are primarily from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and the southern states of Mexico. They are fleeing from their countries escaping gang violence, drug wars, and extreme poverty. Many Catholic organizations helping to help process the refugees are sending out an all call for desperately needed supplies. Our **Campus Ministry Office** is coordinating a **Toiletry Drive**. They are in urgent need of some of the following items:

- Linen (twin sheets, pillow cases and towels)
- New socks (Men, Women, Children)
- New or Used Jeans (Men, Women, Children: Small and Medium sizes, no large sizes please)
- Travel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, moisturizing cream, and combs)
- Medication for Adults and Children (acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol, cough medicine).

Mr. Lopez is collecting items in the Campus Ministry Office. Donations will be shared among the Catholic organizations assisting refugees: Blessed Sacrament Church, Martyrs Hall at the Diocesan Center, Nazareth Hall at Loretto Academy, Centro San Juan Diego, Annunciation House, Roger Bacon Seminary, and the Columban Mission Center.

Eighth grade students from **Saint Raphael's School** will be **Irish-for-a-Day** on **Monday**. They will be on campus to tour, test, and experience CHS. **Mr. Baca** will be informing teachers about which students will be assisting with the day. Please help the boys to feel welcome!

Tuesday is **Election Day!** Be sure to get out and vote. Congratulations to those seniors who will be voting for the first time.

We will be on Morning Assembly Schedule on **Wednesday**. There will be an **all-school assembly** on the *Dangers of Cyberbullying, Sexting and Social Media* at 8:20 AM in **Houghton MPB**.

Sophomore College Night will be on **Thursday** from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Guereca Auditorium. Parents and sophomores are invited to hear presentations by **Ms. Torres** and **Mr. Lisanckie** on how to best prepare for college application process as well as an orientation to our Early Admissions (dual credit) Program. A representative from the EPCC dual credit program will also be present to answer questions.

The **Ladies of Our Lady of Assumption**, affectionately known as **LOLA's**, are hosting their annual **fundraising dinner** and silent auction to benefit El Paso Catholic schools on this **Saturday** at the CHS Houghton MPB. School. Their sole mission is to help the El Paso Catholic schools to educate more students with demonstrated need by providing scholarships – including CHS students. The annual dinner is catered **by Cattleman's Steakhouse**. Tickets are **\$50 per person** and include a 14 oz New York strip steak or salmon. Tickets may be purchased by calling Susan at (915) 443-3046 or Jackie at (915) 309-4219.

Looking ahead:

Our **Thanksgiving Holiday Break** will be from **Wednesday – Friday (November 21-23)**.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

CHS Alumni Association Board Elections: The Association all spirited alumni to consider carrying on the traditions of past years and improve the organization with new approaches. If you would like to serve on **the Alumni Board of Directors**, they would love to

see your name on the list of nominees for the coming term. Nominations have to be in by **17 November**. If you have any questions, you can call me JD Douglass (329-5342), Andy Portillo (581-0893) or Rene Valenzuela (471-7660). Nominations can be submitted via internet to andresportillo90@yahoo.com.



Seniors receiving last minute instructions before being defeated by the faculty at the annual volleyball game fundraiser

We reverently remember the alumni who passed away this year: **Manuel "Aggie" Aguilar '50** (14 January); **Juan de Dios Casillas '62** (02 February); **Jose Humberto Provencio '43** (09 March); **Francis James Flood '51** (26 March); **Arturo Borrego '50** (04 April); **Ruben Tomas Huerta '50** (10 May); **Frederick Joseph Kowalewski '40** (26 June); **Angel Florentino Esparza '40** (26 June); **Rafael Francisco Navar, Jr. '58** (28 July); **Edmundo C. Amaya '50** (17 September); and **Frank Talamantes, PhD '61** (08 October).

Congratulations to **David Saucedo II** on being elected **Vice-President of the Texas Board of Nursing**. Saucedo was originally appointed by Governor Greg Abbott.

Kudos to **Father Ron Gonzales, SJ**, for a powerful talk on the spirituality of aging. Fr. Ron shared some very relevant examples from his ministry and own life about how to learn to trust God, forgive and be grateful for life's circumstances. Fr. Ron is a graduate of St. Michael's HS, a Lasallian school in Santa Fe, NM. He was the speaker for the November meeting of the **Alumni Association**.

MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD



Mrs. Hernandez' Spanish II class visits the Day of the Dead altars they helped to decorate.