

WEEK of 28 OCTOBER 2018

Mark's gospel presents us with the story of Bartimeus, a blind beggar who hears Jesus and a crowd passing on the road. He begins to yell out to get the attention of Jesus. The crowd scolds him and demand that he be quiet. Perhaps they were irritated that someone so unimportant – a beggar – would demand the Master's time. Maybe they worried that if Jesus healed the blind man there would not be enough left to cure them. Unbothered by their protests, Bartimeus kept yelling until Jesus stopped and called for him. Now the crowd shifted and began to encourage him to go to Jesus. May Jesus cause such a change in us!



Juniors supporting Real Men Wear Pink fundraiser

As educators, we can be tempted to presume that we know everything about our students. We may unconsciously decide who deserves God's mercy and who does not. Without realizing it, we may be actively discouraging some from reaching out to the love of Christ; dismissing them as insincere. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus purposely told the crowd to call Baritmeaus for him. Jesus wanted them to assist in facilitating the miracle. Bartimeaus put everyone to shame by jumping up, tossing aside his cloak (something someone with doubt would not have done), and running with great faith to Jesus.

May the Holy Spirit help us to have faith in God's grace and action in the lives of our students – especially the blind ones! May we help to bring them to God!

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- The needs of our students, staff, and families this week;
- The victims of shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue and for those helping them;
- 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 is recovering from surgery;
- Ulli Reichenbach, CHS teacher, as he recovers from hip surgery;
- The healing of Ms. Garibay who has been struggling with kidney stones;
- In thanksgiving for the safe return of our football team from San Antonio;
- Our Cross Country team as they travel to state competition in Waco;
- Those continuing to suffer from the aftermath of hurricanes and those who help them;
- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families;
- The repose of the soul of Patricia Villar de Alvarez, mother of Rodrigo, Diego, Santiago and Sebastian, and the consolation of her family;
- The repose of Martha Prieto de Ramos, grandmother of Alexis '11 and Angel Papatheodorou '19, and the consolation of her family (Mrs. Prieto was an affiliated Christian Brother);
- The repose of the soul of Helmut Erdmann, the great-grandfather of Alton Strain '20, and the consolation of his family;
- The repose of the soul of Maria Oliva Barcena Wyndham, grandmother of Kyle Wyndham '11, and the consolation of her family;
- Those in need of healing; the mother of Jeannette Peterson; Rudy Zarate, Sr '55 (recovering from surgery), alumnus Arthur Alarcon; Nate Aguilar; Zach Deitch; Edwin Osorno; Raul Natividad '98 (recovering from a motorcycle accident); Mary Vallejo (mother of Yvonne Davis); 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 Barba and Teran families.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Kudos to the **Ms. Torres** and **Mr. Espinoza** for organizing this year's highly successful **College Fair**. Despite issues with traffic, there was a steady flow of parents and students to gather information from forty university representatives.



Congratulations to **Boy Scout Troop 007** for holding their first **Court of Honor** to recognize the achievement of individual scouts. This La Cate troop has only been in existence since this summer.

- They welcome new members if you are interested. The troop meets every Monday at 6:30 PM in the Vandenburg Library.

Thank you to the **Science Honor Society** and **Ms. Shashy** for sponsoring this year's **Real Men Wear Pink Day**. We're grateful to the many students who participated. This event raised \$500 this year. All proceeds go to help pay for low cost or free mammograms.

Kudos to **Mr. Baca** and his **student ambassadors** for hosting eighth graders from **Saint Joseph's**, **Saint Clement's**, and **Saint Matthew's** this past week. The students spent the day to experience what it is like to be an Irishman.

Congratulations to the **El Otro Lado Border Immersion** group leaders for hosting the students and moderators from **Montini HS**, a Lasallian school in the Chicago area. Thank you to: **Kiki Carrasco**, **Cesar Gallardo**, **Gerardo Pena**, **Marcos Figueroa-Casas**, **Eduardo Duran**, **Diego Alvarez**, **Sergio Salcido**, **Daniel Herrada**, **Sebastian Martinez**, **John Antowan**, **Rodrigo Padron**, **Daniel Diaz**, **Christian Silva**, and **Julian Gallardo**. These students are very effective teachers and wonderful hosts. Thank you to **Mr. Lopez** for organizing the five-day experience.

Thank you to **Brother Rafael** and the **Religion Department** for coordinating to have the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** available to our students this past Thursday. Both Fr. Miguel and Fr. Ron ended up staying longer than planned so the Holy Spirit was definitely working!



Juniors at the College Fair

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

- Sunday, 28 October: **Juan Saldana**, **Christopher Gross**, **Alexis Acosta**
- Tuesday, 30 October: **William Story**
- Wednesday, 31 October: **Manuel Armenta**, **Luis Gomez**
- Thursday, 01 November: **Marcos Lievano**
- Friday, 02 November: **Juan Munoz Grajeda**, **Nikolaus Arcaina**.

NEWS YOU NEED:

Eighth grade students from **Saint Patrick'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!

The **Irish Cross Country team** will be competing at the **TAPPS State Cross Country Meet** in Waco, TX, on Monday. We wish Coach Montoya and our student-athletes all the best!



In an ongoing effort to help our students to learn well, the **EA Program** has hired **Mr. Meyers** to tutor students taking **EA Pre-Calculus** and **EA Calculus** on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings** from 7:00 to 8:00 AM in the Vandenburg Library. Please encourage your sons to take advantage of this opportunity to master the material and raise their grades.

Eighth grade students from **Most Holy Trinity School** will be **Irish-for-a-Day** on **Tuesday**. 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!

The **Annual Faculty vs Seniors Volleyball Game** will be on **Tuesday** at **2:00 PM** in the Saint Patrick's School MPB. We will be on **Pep Rally Schedule**.

- Tickets to the game are **\$3.00 each** and benefit the **Science Honor Society**. They will be on sale in the lobby before school.

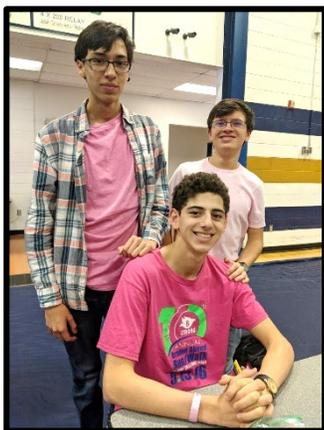
Wednesday is **Halloween**. Students are allowed to wear appropriate costumes to school. We ask that no masks be worn.

Thursday is the **Feast of All Saints**. We celebrate all of the saints whom we know and those whose names are known only to God. We will have an **all-school Mass at 10:20 AM** at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Families are welcome to join us.

- Students will be in **Irish Standard**.

Friday is **All Saints Day** in which we celebrate the **faithfully departed**. Our Spanish and French classes will be celebrated **Dia de los Muertos** with altars to honor our dead. Come by the lobby to appreciate the beautiful altars.

Flu shots will be available on **Friday** afternoon from **2:00 to 4:00 PM** in the Guereca Auditorium. Students with insurance cards can get flu shots for \$10 and adults with insurance can get them for \$30. Students with no insurance can receive a flu shot for \$10.00. Adults with no insurance can get shots for flu (\$30), Hepatitis B (\$60), Hepatitis A (\$65), Pnuemonia (\$110) and tetnus (\$45). Contact the nurse, **Mrs. Montanez**, (vmontanez@cathedral-elpaso.org or 532-3238) if you have questions.



Request from Annunciation House: We have become aware that there are currently over 1,400 refugees being held in ICE holding cells. The conditions are deplorable. The cells are overcrowded- anywhere from 10 to 40 individuals in a single holding cell. The bathrooms have no doors. Refugees have to ask other adults to stand in the doorways to get a tiny bit of privacy. Some refugees report being held up to nine days. They receive only cold burritos, three times a day and are not able to shower for many days in a row. ICE is willing to release more families, but in El Paso we have not had the capacity to receive more than about 750 refugees a week. Annunciation House has contracted with two motels which will increase our capability to 1,100 refugees a week. We desperately **need volunteers** for these new hospitality centers. Please consider volunteering. People will be needed for

intake, making travel arrangements, transportation, and staffing the clothing banks. We need people to **provide many meals** to these motels. We imagine the motels will receive as many people as there are beds available. Annunciation House will use these motels as long as God gives us the wherewithal to do so. In addition to meals, Annunciation House needs **donations of hygiene items, new underwear, winter coats for small adults and children, tote bags, and food items for travel-** boxes of fruit, healthy drinks, etc. Donations may be dropped off at Nazareth Hall (west wing, first door off the alley behind the Convent). To volunteer please email refugees@annunciationhouse.org or call 915-545-4509. Monetary donations can be sent to Annunciation House through their website www.annunciationhouse.org.

Coming Up:

Sophomore College Night will be on Thursday, **08 November**, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Guereca Auditorium. Parents and sophomores are invited to hear presentations by **Ms. Torres** and **Mr. Liszanckie** 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.



Montini and CHS students at the border wall

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

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

The next meeting of the **CHS Alumni Association** will be on Saturday, **03 November**, in the Guereca Auditorium. **Father Ron Gonzales, SJ**, will be the speaker and will guide the membership in a mini-brief retreat on the theme: Getting Older. Everyone is invited to **7:00 AM Mass** at Saint Patrick's Cathedral followed breakfast at CHS. Breakfast burritos and coffee are available at 8:00 AM for a \$6.00 donation. The mini-retreat begins at 8:30 AM and should run until 10:30 AM.

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.

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Cathedral High School's Troop 007