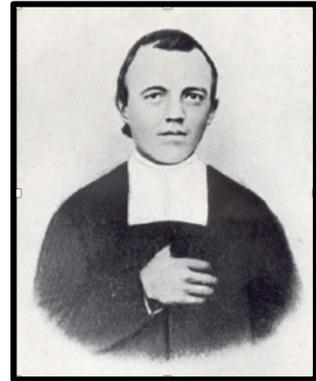


WEEK of 03 FEBRUARY 2019

Last week the Church celebrated the Feast of **Saint Mutien-Marie Wauix**, a Beligum Brother (1841-1917). Short in stature and thrust into the classroom at 16, Brother Mutien-Marie was not initially a successful teacher. Since he struggled with discipline in his classes, he was almost asked to leave the Brothers. Then Brother Maxentis, an experienced teacher (he was 32!) took him under his wing. A grateful Mutien-Marie learned to teach art and music. He became a master prefect (supervisor of students) known for his patient fairness. Brother would spend the last 58 years of his life at the boarding school in Mallone. Brother Mutien-Marie had a great devotion to Mary and was very happy to share her name. He could always be seen with a rosary in hand as he went about his day or be found praying before the Tabernacle. His great joy was teaching catechism on weekends to prepare students for the Sacraments.



When I was a young Brother, I was drawn to saints who did superhuman feats. With time, I've come to admire those who loved extraordinarily well while leading very ordinary, even seemingly dull, lives. They brought a quiet holiness to the daily grind of family, work and chores. In doing so, their example reminds us that we, too, can be holy. Everyday sacrifices (preparing a meal, picking up a student from school, grading a paper) can be acts of love. They show that we recognize and honor the presence of God in our family, students/sons, and co-workers.

In Luke's gospel for Sunday, Jesus was rejected in Nazareth because the town could not fathom that Jesus could be holy. They failed to believe that everyone is invited to reflect God in the world. Let us pray for the faith to embrace our ordinary lives and transform them into acts of selfless love for others.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- Our juniors as they go on retreat this week and for those who will help run the retreat;
- The Spirit's blessings on our ongoing admissions efforts;
- Our young men to consider a life of service as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- For the needs of the alumni; especially the Class of 1969;
- Our seniors as they apply for university and scholarships;
- The ongoing rehabilitation of Aaron Cobos and for those who work with him;
- In thanksgiving for our generous benefactors;
- The victims of sexual abuse; especially those who suffered at the hands of religious and priests;
- God's blessings on our fifth week of the quarter;
- Those in need of healing; especially the wife of alumnus Aaron O'Neal; Pablo Licon's grandfather who has bone cancer; Felix Thomas Antone '72 who has esophageal cancer; Ulli Reichenbach; alumnus Jesse Acosta; those fighting cancer (alumnus Homero Silva,

alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, Rosa Maria Sosa, alumnus Javier Olmos); those dealing with addiction; and for those struggling with mental illness;

- Marriages; especially of our alumni, which are struggling;
- For peoples migrating around the world – especially those arriving in the borderland;
- Those in mourning; especially the Aguilar and Peterson families.

KUDOS and THANKS:



Kudos to **La Cate's Robotics Team** and their moderator, **Mr. Vasquez**, who competed in the **El Paso FTC League Championship** at UT El Paso this Saturday. After five qualifying matches during this city-wide event, CHS finished in third place out of 20 teams. This was a spectacular comeback (went into the final competition in 8th place) after a tough start this season. Unfortunately, it was not enough to qualify for the regional competition in Lubbock. The team now has its sights set on the TAPPS State Competition in May. The students worked extremely

hard; putting in at least 50 hours each to mechanical and programming upgrades to the robot to prepare for the championship tournament. Congratulations to the team members who have put in so much work in the past five months: **Agustin Juarez, Cesar Jimenez, Jorge Ramos Putz, Alberto Cortes, Guillermo Lucero, Manuel Palma, Santiago Barrio, Ivan Vargas, Zar Reyes, and Sergio Tellez.**

Thank you to **Ryan Christopher Vidales**, our Business/Econ teacher and football coach for his service to our school community. He has taken a position as a counselor at the Graduate Center at UT El Paso. We wish him every success!

Kudos to the many alumni of different generations (dads, uncles, older brothers) who joined the **senior class** for the annual **Mass and the Pinning Ceremony** on Friday morning. We are especially grateful to representatives from the **Class of 1969**, the **Golden Graduates**, who were present. The music by our large senior choir and **Ms. Montoya** added to the beauty of the celebration. We appreciate the assistance by and presence of **Ms. Valtier, Mr. Esparza, Mr. Espinoza, Mr. Puertas, Brother Nick** and **Mr. Baca**. Thank you to **Father Miguel Briseno, OFM**, for his thoughtful reflections at Mass.



We're grateful to **Ms. Montoya**, her **freshmen choir group** (**Nicholas Cobos, Yiris Hallal, Raymundo Hernandez, Robert Almanzan**) and **Nicco Maes** for leading the opening song at the **Catholic Foundation Breakfast** last Thursday.

The **Early Admissions Office** has added their own **Wall of Recognition** for the **twenty-three seniors** who are on track to graduate with their **Associate of Arts (AA) degree** from El Paso

Community College in May 2019. Kudos goes out to: **Diego Alvarez, RJ Bowling, Ivan Brea-Peralta, Mark Briggs, Isaac Dominguez, Jorge Duran, Benito Fernandez, Marco Figueroa-Casas, Brett Fullerton, Samuel Garnica, Jose Guillot, Diego Luchuga, Sebastian Martinez, Richie Medina, Alan Murguia, Andres Neira, Egede Nzumulinda, Zar Reyes, Brandon Seagreaves, Stephen Stresow, Pablo Vega, Antony Yanez, and Albert Yoshimoto.** We're grateful to **Mr. Lisanckie** for his leadership and advocacy. These scholars are on track to graduate with their AA the weekend before they graduate from CHS!

We give a shout out to the **Irish Varsity Golf** team for capturing **first place** at the **El Paso HS Invitational** tournament last week. Kudos to the **JV team** which won **third place**.



Thank you to **Ms. Zavala** and her **art students** for the **stained glass/tissue paper banners** to decorate the school entrance celebrating **Catholic Schools Week**. **Brother Javier's junior class projects** for CSW are also on the trophy cases.

Congratulations to the **Irish Tennis Team** for their **third place finish** at the highly competitive Coronado HS Invitational last week.

NEWS YOU NEED:

Scouting for Food: The Cathedral Boy Scout **Troop 007** is collecting canned goods to replenish **local food banks**. They will be collecting canned goods in the main entrance of the school until **Friday, 08 February**. All cans and dry goods must be sealed.

It is time for the **Spring Diocesan Raffle**. You have paid for the Spring Raffle with your tuition payment in the FACTS program. No further money needs to be turned into the school. To participate in the raffle and take advantage of your many opportunities to win any of the prizes, **fill out the ticket stubs and turn them in** anytime to Mr. Flores in the Registrar's office. All ticket stubs are **due by Thursday, February 28th**.

- The drawing will be on Saturday, March 2nd.
- The prizes are: Grand Prize - \$ 3,000 Tuition Voucher or Gift Card; 1st Prize - \$ 1,500 Tuition Voucher or Gift Card; 2nd Prize – \$ 1,000 Tuition Voucher or Gift Card; 3rd Prize – Apple – iPad Mini; 4th Prize – Apple Watch Series 3; 5th Prize – Go Pro Hero – 7 Waterproof Action Camera – White; 6th Prize – Nintendo Switch; 7th Prize – Apple Air Pods; and 8th Prize – Amazon Echo Spot.
- We have additional tickets available in Mr. Flores' office if you are interested in increasing your chancing of winning by purchasing more tickets.

All Mandarin classes will celebrate the **Chinese Lunar New Year** on **Tuesday**. Students will make dumplings, participate in making lanterns, practice calligraphy, study Chinese opera, and have a performance of Chinese songs. They will also sample Chinese food.

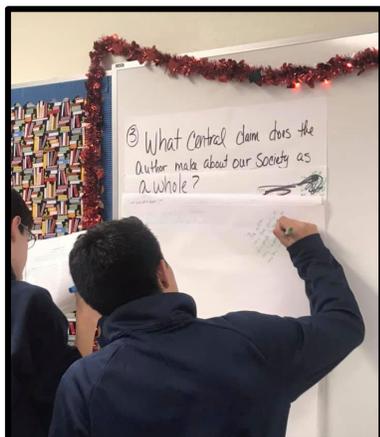


- Students in **Periods 1, 2 and 3** will be in the Houghton MPB from **8:30AM - 10:30AM**.
- Students in **Periods 4, 6, 7, and 8** will be in the Houghton MPB from **12:30 to 2:30 PM**.
- The **Attendance Office** will be providing the student rosters.
- Thank you to **Carlo Rizzoli** and the **Chinese Club** for decorating the entrance hallway.

The **Irish Swim Team** will travel to the TAPPS State Swim Meet on **Thursday**. They will compete for the state championship at the **Mansfield ISD Natatorium** on Friday, 08 February.

The **Junior Class Retreat** will be on **Friday**, 08 February, at **Saint Stephen's Parish**. More details will be given through Brother Javier's Religion III classes.

- **Mr. Lopez** will provide faculty with a list of **student leaders** who will be assisting with the retreat.



Looking ahead:

The **All-school Mass** for February 14th has been moved to **February 21st** at 10:20 AM due to a scheduling conflict with Bishop Seitz, the celebrant. We're grateful to Bishop for desiring an opportunity to spend time with our student body.

Faculty are invited to bring their favorite **sweet treat** on **Valentine's Day** to share with others. It's a dessert potluck. Sign up with Pat Vega.

There will be an **all-day faculty professional development** on **Friday, 15 February**. Students have the day off.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

The Alumni Association welcomed UT El Paso head football coach, **Dana Dimel**, as the speaker at their February meeting. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the new coach as well as reconnect with old friends.

The Catholic Foundation and CHS are pleased to announce the establishment of **The Judge Robert and Emma Galvan Endowment** to meet the educational needs at CHS. Judge Galvan was a proud member of the CHS Class of 1940 who on to graduate from the Texas School of Mines and Southern Methodist University Law School. His beloved wife, Emma, and he left a very generous bequest to his *alma mater*. If you are interested in contributing to the Galvan Endowment, you can follow this link:

<https://www.elpasodiocesefoundation.org/donate-to-a-fund/catholic-schools/judge-robert-j-and-emma-galvan-fund-for-cathedral-high-school>.

- If you are interested in learning more about planned giving to CHS in your will, please reach out **Sofia Larkin** (slarkin@elpasodiocese.org), the Major Gifts Officer at the Catholic Foundation.

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