

October Office News

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School nurtures unity between Faith and culture in our students by providing academic excellence and a spiritual and intellectual encounter with Jesus Christ, developing the whole person as a reflection of Jesus.

Rosary

We dedicate the month of October to the Holy Rosary. Students and staff will say the rosary weekly during the month of October on Mondays, as we ask our Mother Mary for her intercession and blessings.



½ Day & No School

There is a ½ day of school on Thursday, October 13th for Quarter 1 Record's Day and no school on Friday, October 14th for teacher professional development. We do have child care for the afternoon of the 13th noon through 5:30 pm. Please return the sign-up sheet included with this month's newsletter, in order for your child to attend. Students will need to pack a cold lunch that day.

PTO News

Thank you to our PTO for organizing the Tailgating fun party for Friday, September 30th to conclude our Fall Spirit Week.

Our next PTO meeting is Monday, Oct. 3rd in the Hospitality Room at 3:35 pm. Come join us and see how you can get involved!

Upcoming Events: Halloween Trunk or Treat and Providing food for teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences.

It is hard to believe that we are already looking ahead to the end of Quarter 1 this month - Oct. 21st! With the end of the quarter, report cards will come home to you just after the quarter ends. The report cards will also include your child's NWEA scores from this first round of testing, which just ended. These scores provide great feedback to classroom teachers and help in preparing instruction to the students.

Information about Parent Teacher Conferences will be coming home in the next few weeks for you to sign up for a meeting time. We have scheduled two half days on November 10th and 11th for conferences.

St. Charles will be having a warm clothing drive again this year. This year we are asking for **new and gently used** donations of blankets, hats, mittens, and coats. As you may be trying on items from last year and find that your child has outgrown them, feel free to donate them to those in need! We have a drop box located inside the school office for your convenience. Every year, we are blessed to be able to help so many people in our local community.

Thank you to Mrs. Brammer for beginning an Art Club for students grades K-8! Information was sent home on Friday about October's sessions.

Fundraisers

Mr. Danielson has placed some of his remaining mums for sale in front of the school. They are \$12 each and cash or check made out to St. Charles PTO can be brought to the school office.

The 5th grade class won a pizza party for our September Hungry Howie's Night! Which class will be next? October 11th is the next Hungry Howie's Day- share the date with your co-workers, family and friends. Orders count all day towards St. Charles.

Lost & Found

We have a healthy collection of lost and found items accumulated in the office. If you have noticed your child is missing something, please have them stop in, or feel free to come by to claim the items.

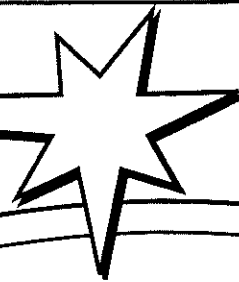
Halloween

Information about classroom Halloween festivities will be communicated in October, and are planned for Friday, October 28th. Your child(ren)'s teachers may ask for a contribution of snack for the class party. We will do a Halloween Costume walking parade at the conclusion of class parties. Our PTO is also planning a Trunk or Treat for the same evening. Please watch for more details and how you can help!

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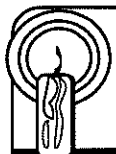
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St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School
Office of the Principal, Ms. Brenda Mescher



Thoughtful Moments

Don't be too busy

At the end of your life, you are not going to think, "Boy, I wish I had worked more." You are going to long for more time with your spouse, your child, or your family. A child needs the undivided attention of his or her parent for some time each day. Don't be so busy that you miss even one special moment with yours.

St. Francis

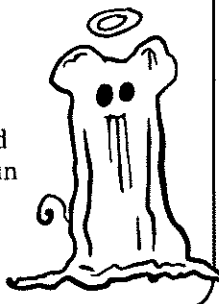
One of the most cherished of all saints is St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Friars Minor. On his feast day, October 4,



many parishes offer a blessing of the animals during which you can bring your pet for a special blessing in his honor. St. Francis rejoiced in all of God's creation.

Parent love

When we give love to our children, they learn to give love to others. When we give them unconditional love, we give them the courage to overcome their natural self-absorption and become sacrificial in their love – just as Jesus intends.



A good friend attracts good friends

A child's friends can make the difference between reinforcing the good habits we teach in the home or introducing bad habits we have to fight.

Rather than policing our youngsters' group of friends, parents will do better to equip children to choose healthy, wholesome friendships. Encourage children to look for:

Common interests: Youngsters bond over shared interests. Help yours develop healthy pursuits: music, sports, art, dance, etc. Working together to develop their God-given talents gives them a common focus and identity.

Common values: "He who [honors] God behaves accordingly, and his friend will be like himself" (Sirach 6:17). We tend to become like the company we

keep. Involve children in church youth group or community outreach where they will meet others who share the values you taught them.

Considerate:

Authentic love is willing the good of the other (John 15:13). Encourage children to look for others who are kind, considerate, and dependable.

Virtuous: The best friendships bring out the best in us.

St. Gregory Nazianzen credited his sanctity to his

friendship with St. Basil

the Great: "[We] spurred each other on to virtue." Good friends make it easier to do the right thing.

Mutually returned: Part of having good friends is being a good friend. If someone is consistently good and kind, they'll attract the same kind of people.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

There's a tradition that each person is assigned an angel to protect him or her and guide them to everlasting life, even if they aren't Christian (Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), 336).



Why do Catholics believe we have Guardian Angels?

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). The protection of the angels is one way that God exercises care for us.

Being "fair" in an unfair world

Children have an innate sense of fairness and may struggle to understand why the world isn't always fair. Try these ideas for explaining justice in an unjust world.

Fairness according to "me." Jonah, the prophet, accused God of being unfair (Jonah 4:1-2). He thought God should punish the Ninevites for their sins yet God rewarded them for their conversion. Teach youngsters that God's way is different than the world's. His motivation is love.

The big picture. In the story of the prodigal son,



the father tried to persuade the older son to set aside his resentment to celebrate his brother's return (Luke 15:32). Sometimes what seems grossly unfair loses its power in the context of the larger picture. Model patience and be quick to forgive.

Accept God's care. As Catholics, we trust God to care for us in His way (Isaiah 55:8). That is often different than the way of the world. Each morning, bless children and entrust them to God's care. They will be safe in His hands.

Scripture LESSON

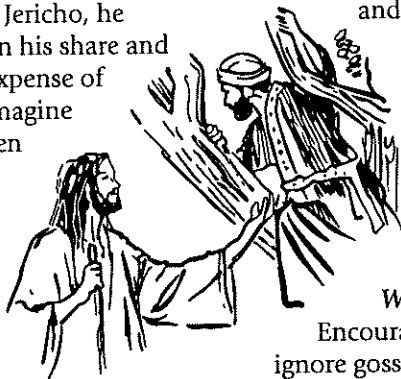
Luke 19:1-10, Don't judge by stereotypes

Zacchaeus was not a popular man. As the chief tax collector in Jericho, he probably took more than his share and became wealthy at the expense of other people's misery. Imagine the crowd's reaction when Jesus spotted Zacchaeus in a tree, called him down, and invited Himself to dinner at Zacchaeus' home. It was scandalous for a rabbi to dine with someone widely considered to be a public sinner.

People were stunned that Jesus would choose to associate with a tax collector, but then Jesus often befriended the most unlikely people. For his part,

Zacchaeus shot down from the tree and fell all over himself to make Jesus welcome. He was so eager for Jesus' friendship that he changed his life as a result and pledged generous amends for past sins. *What can a parent do?*

Encourage your children to ignore gossip and nasty comments made about peers. If they have questions about the suitability of a friend, tell them to come to you instead. Friend or not, they should treat everyone with respect and be quick to forgive, as Jesus did.



Feasts & Celebrations

Oct. 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary (1571). Pope Gregory XIII named this feast because it was believed that Christians won a critical victory at the Battle of Lepanto after praying the Rosary.

Oct. 13 – St. Edward the Confessor (1066). Son of King Ethelred II, St. Edward was born at Islip, England, but lived under Danish rule until he was crowned in 1042. Though politically weak, he was loved by the people and known for his holiness.

Oct. 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret (1870). St. Anthony was born in Spain in

1807. After his ordination, he founded the Claretian order in 1849, and became the archbishop of Cuba. He established the Religious Publishing House, producing over 200 works.

Oct. 28 – St. Simon and Jude, Apostles (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After the Council of Jerusalem, they traveled to Persia where they preached and were eventually martyred.



Parent TALK

When Tessa turned twelve, she stopped talking much about school, expressing her feelings or engaging in any real communication unless I

bugged her.

Frustrated, one Saturday I told her we had a special project. I decided she was old enough to learn the family recipe for



homemade pasta. We broke out bags of flour, cracked eggs and dusted off the pasta machine. Soon we were up to our elbows in dough.

We both laughed more that day than we had in months. And we talked for hours as we slowly cranked out tables full of spaghetti. Without even asking, I heard all about school, her friends, and her life. Now we make pasta once every six weeks or so and we both look forward to that special time.

My grandmother always said that pasta has a way of bringing people together. Now I realize the true wisdom in her words.

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October 15th & 16th
Warm Clothing Drive
@St. Charles Church

October



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Coldwater Fire Dept Presentation P-5th PTO Meeting 3:45pm Hospitality Room Rosary 11am(2 nd -8 th)	4 5 th Grade Bair Lake Trip	5 Mass 9am	6	7 Out of Dress Code & Popcorn
10 K-5 Dans puppet show LCAB Meeting 7pm Rosary 11am 2 nd -8 th grade	11 Hungry Howie's Day	12 Mass 9am	13 Half Day-Childcare Available	14 No School
17 Rosary 11am 2 nd - 8 th grade	18	19 Mass 9am	20	21 End of 1 st Quarter
24 Rosary 11am 2 nd - 8 th grade Canned Food Drive/ MSU vs U of M	25 Canned Food Drive/ MSU vs U of M	26 Mass 9am Canned Food Drive/ MSU vs U of M	27 Canned Food Drive/ MSU vs U of M	28 Spirit Day Report Cards Sent Home Halloween Festivities Canned Food Drive/ MSU vs U of M
31 Rosary 11am 2 nd - 8 th grade	<p><u>November Sneak Peak</u> Conferences Nov. 10th & 11th-Half day, Childcare available, (watch for sign up) Nov. 23rd- Half day, No Childcare available Thanksgiving Break Nov. 24th & 25th – No School</p>			



Lunch



October Menu Your School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1
2	3 Popcorn Chicken Peas Apple Slices Milk	4 Hot Dog on Bun Baked Beans Peaches Milk	5 French Toast Sticks Corn Oranges Milk	6 Hamburger on Bun Tater Tots Pineapple Milk	7 Fish Sandwich Green Beans Applesauce Milk	8
9	10 Bean/Beef Burrito Corn Peaches Milk	11 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Pears Milk	12 Pizza Green Beans Applesauce Milk	13 Half Day	14 No School	15
16	17 Chicken Tenders Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Milk	18 Spaghetti & Meatballs Peas Milk	19 Tortilla Chip Cheese/Salsa Fruit Cocktail Milk	20 Popcorn Chicken Baked Beans Oranges Milk	21 Fish Sticks Green Beans Apple Slices Milk	22
23	24 Bosco Sticks Cheese/Salsa Peas Applesauce Milk	25 Pizza Carrots Peaches Milk	26 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Apple Slices Milk	27 Meatball Subs French Fries Fruit Cocktail Milk	28 Mac & Cheese Corn Pineapple Milk	29

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★ **FOOD DRIVE**

October 24th-October 28th

The Branch County Food Pantry is in need of Baked Beans for this years Thanksgiving baskets. We are going to help while having a bit of fun! Totes will be set up outside of the school office. Set cans in your favorite teams tote.

The big game is coming up and which ever team wins the can drive will determine our themed out of dress code day!!

"Those who are gracious to the poor lend to the Lord, and the Lord will fully repay them."

More information:

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10th Annual M-60 Corn Maze

Come join the fun!

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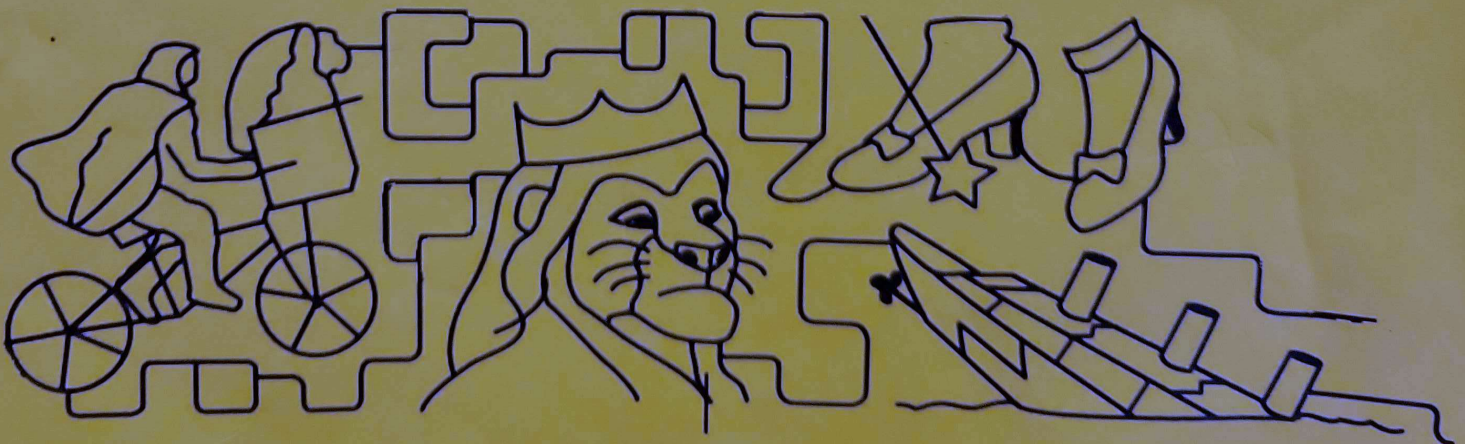
Open September 16th – October 30st

Friday: 5-8 • Saturday: 2-9 • Sunday: 1-6

Additional times and savings for groups of 20 or more.

Admission Rates: (coupons available Website/Facebook)

4 and under - Free 5-11 - \$5 12 and older - \$8



Walk through “Movie Night at the Maze”

This event is a fundraiser for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.
Proceeds will be used in the construction of a new, handicap accessible church.
Please consider coming and supporting our efforts.