

# Chalk Talk



**APRIL 15, 2010**

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School**

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## Calendar

- April 16 **Minimum Day**- this is our regular 1<sup>st</sup> Friday minimum day.  
Catholic Schools' Night with the San Diego Padres at 7:05 p.m. vs. the Arizona Diamondbacks  
Mark Price as Doubting Thomas 7:00pm
- April 19-21 5<sup>th</sup> grade Astro Camp
- May 1 Mark Your Calendars now for the May Crowning at 9:00am! You won't want to miss this!

## CAMP & GRADUATION PAYMENTS

- Registration Payments are due **TODAY**
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp \$300 is due no later than **April 30**
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade grad fee \$250 is due no later than **April 30**

## YEARBOOK

The order form for the 2010 Yearbook is enclosed in this Family Envelope. The deadline to order your yearbook is **April 19**. We are in need of photos for the yearbook! If you have photos of field trips, school events, etc, copy them onto a disc, label it "Yearbook", and send them to the school office. **Deadline for submissions is April 30th.**

## THE PARISH FESTIVAL DRAWING IS BACK!

Tickets are included in your family envelope this week. Please help the school by purchasing or selling these \$1 tickets that are sent home. Additional tickets are available at the school office. Your support helps the school!

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

If you have any agenda items for a School Board meeting, please submit your item by email to the School Board President, Rick Gandolfo at [rgando@aol.com](mailto:rgando@aol.com), or Mrs. McCotter at [lmccotter@sfs-vista.org](mailto:lmccotter@sfs-vista.org). The next scheduled meetings are: **May 13, and June 10.**

## SPORTS CORNER

7<sup>th</sup> grade girls Varsity Basketball lost vs. St. John's –lost ☹️

7<sup>th</sup> grade girls Varsity Basketball vs. Nativity-won! 😊

JV Boys Soccer vs. St. Patrick's – lost ☹️

Congratulations to all of our 38 Track Runners! What a wonderful experience for our kids and a great day at Cathedral Catholic High School. A BIG THANK YOU to all of the parents who helped make the Track Meet a big success! And a BIG THANK YOU to PAUL CALABRESE for the soccer jerseys—they looked GREAT!



## Jog a thon!

The students at St. Francis are gearing up for the school's annual Jog-a-thon to be held on Thursday, **April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Your support as a sponsor is appreciated and helps to support the school. For more information or to support a student, contact the school office at 760-630-7960.

## **HELP NEEDED**

Do you realize that during any ONE week, we have 21 Masses here at St. Francis? Did you ever wonder.....who cleans the Church? Our wonderful Eugenio and Juan Carlos do most of the cleaning, but on SATURDAYS, after the 8:00am Mass, there is a SPECIAL LITTLE GROUP who faithfully come in and spend about ONE hour (8:30am-9:30am) straightening the books in the pews, picking up trash under the pews, doing a little dusting, wiping fingerprints off of the glass doors, and other jobs. THEY COULD USE SOME HELP! If you would be able to donate ONE hour on a Saturday, after the 8:00am Mass, maybe once a month, or even every other month, PLEASE CALL Ramona Haywood at 760-726-4468. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to help and would be a great family Stewardship Project. !

## **PREPARE YE THE WAY - BUILDING CAMPAIGN**

### **My, how we've grown!**

Today, St. Francis of Assisi reaches out to its Community more than ever before, serving over 20,000 people each week. That means 1,000,000 souls are being touched annually by our Church community with...

- 19 Masses each week
- Reaching out through over 70 ministries/support groups
- Bringing the word of God to 1,700 students per week through our Religious Education program and Parish School
- Feeding 200 of our brothers and sisters at our Soup Kitchen on a weekly basis.
- Our present-day Church can often be found with standing room only throughout many of our Sunday Eucharistic Celebrations. We are privileged to be a part of God's plan in reaching out to all in our Community, and we are growing faster than ever before. For more information or to become part of the Prepare Ye the Way campaign, contact Mrs. Kate O'Brien at the Parish Office.

## **DOUBTING THOMAS - "In His Own Words"**

**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.**

Mark Price Returns - Contact the parish office for more information

## **COUPLES DATE NIGHT**

**Saturday, April 17 at 6:30-8:30pm**

If you are married or planning to be married, strengthen your relationship by keeping it God-centered. Contact Tammy Mansir at [tmansir@stfrancis-vista.org](mailto:tmansir@stfrancis-vista.org)

## **VIETNAMESE ORPHANAGE MISSION PROJECT**

**April 17 & 18**

Our St. Francis Parishioners will have the opportunity to sponsor orphans in mission VietNam. Contact the parish office for more information

## **PREPARE YE THE WAY**

*Your personal invitation to a campaign reception went home in your family envelope this week. We look forward to meeting with you soon!*

Here is an update on the campaign so as of April 10:

- Receptions conducted: 4
- Receptions scheduled between now and July: 25

The current results of the building campaign receptions to date:

- Gifts offered: 25
- Gifts of prayer: 20
- Gifts of involvement (ambassador for the campaign, reception host, etc.): 10
- Gifts of financial participation: \$125,780 by 25 families or groups in the parish.

Financial gifts compared to previous campaign efforts:

- 52% have increased their giving level from the previous building campaign
- 20% have continued their prior giving level
- 16% are new to the parish since the previous campaign and are newly committing to the campaign
- 12% are previous parish members committing for the first time