



**Parish Picnic Report:** This year's parish picnic was a great one, one of the best. To begin with, the weather could not have been better. It was a beautiful fall day, crisp and cool with a nice breeze – unfortunate for those of us trying to light grills – the sun was shining with rain nowhere to be found, but just enough clouds in the sky to throw some occasional shade. It was beautiful. The DJ did a great job, while kids of various ages and sizes were enjoying things like: the good ol' crazy hay ride that ran all day long; rock climbing, the bounce house and slide, the basketball throw; a hula hoop contest; some group dances like the La Macarena; and the return of the pie-eating contest! Bingo ran inside the hall with cards filling up and prizes galore. There was face-painting and all kinds of crafts; opportunities for some memorable photos; and, of course, great food! We had hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, cole slaw, baked beans, corn, salad, soda, draft beer and water, and a selection of desserts from cookies to cheese cake and everything in between. And this year a special treat. Pope Francis' favorite sandwich, the *choripan*. That's a delicious sandwich made with chorizo sausage on a great bun (I believe these were ciabatta) and smothered with the best chimichurri sauce known to man or beast!

There are lots of *thank you's* : To Jerry Merola and his brother Knights for preparing the great food and serving everyone; to Dan Cuenya for providing the Pope's favorite sandwich, to Lina and the Youth Group helpers for setting up, breaking down, and keeping the games on track; to Mary Jane and her crew for the face-painting and crafts for the kids; to Ramiro and Patrick from our Maintenance crew, for set up, clean up, and keeping things going; to the CCW ladies for the awesome job with the raffle table and the volunteers who served at the dessert table (we had none left!); to Mary and Lisa for running Bingo, and all the parishioner volunteers for both Saturday and Sunday. A special thank you to Karin Daniels for organizing the whole thing from the first meeting of the season to the end of the Picnic Day itself. Finally, thanks to everyone who came out to join in the fun and festivities. It was a great time and a great day!