

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

EPIPHANY

Today: **MASSES 8:30 AND 11 A.M.**



Faith Formation classes
Liturgy of the Word Children
Nursery open
Sunday Hospitality coffee and traditional treats
RCIA— 9:45 a.m. PC
Adult Ed— 9:45 a.m.
Confirmation mtg. 12:15 p.m. PC
Parish Quest for the Light Epiphany potluck 5 p.m.
Tree recycling— 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

Mon: **Communion Service 8 a.m.**

Altar Society Crafts 10 a.m. gym
Faith formation commission mtg.* 7 p.m.
Shining Star— gym 9-9:30 a.m. & 1-1:25 p.m.
Shining Star team— 3:15-4:30 p.m. gym
CYO— gym 4:45-8:30 p.m.

Tue **Mass at 11 a.m.**

42nd Ave. mtg.*
Holy Hour— 8:30 a.m.
MACG Catholic Caucus* 1:15 p.m.
CYO—gym 3:30-8:30 p.m.
Bereavement mtg* 7 p.m.
High School Youth Group Core team mtg. 7 p.m. Rm 3

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m.**

Staff meeting— 9 a.m. PC
Shining Star— gym 1-1:30 p.m.
AA mtg.— Rm 15b 6:30 p.m.
CYO gym 4:45-8:30 p.m.
Altar Society mtg. 1 p.m. PC
RCIA team mtg. * 7 p.m.
St. Vincent dePaul mtg.— 7 p.m. Rm 3
Relational Development Ministry dinner— 6:30 p.m. PC

Thurs. **Communion Service 8 a.m.**

Share the Word— 8:45 am PC
Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC
Shining Star— gym 1-1:30 p.m.
CYO— gym 3:30-8:30 p.m.
Pastoral Council mtg.— 7 p.m. PC

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.**

depaul —gym 9:30-10:30 a.m.
AA mtg. Rm 15b 6:30 p.m.

Sat. **NO morning mass**

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

1st Reconciliation Retreat 9 a.m. gym/PC/church
End of Life series part 2— 9:30 a.m.— noon at The Madeleine

Next Sunday

Baptism of the Lord

Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.

FF classes 9:45 a.m.
Adult Ed— 9:45 a.m.
Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sunday Hospitality school parents
Nursery open
DVD on Immigration 9:45 a.m. PC
Confirmation youth mtg. 12:15 p.m.
Catechist in-service 12:15 p.m. PC
Blood Pressure Clinic— after all masses
National Vocation Awareness Week
Tree recycling 9 a.m.—noon

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72 Mk 6:34-44
Wed 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72 Mk 6:45-52
Thur 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72 Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147 Lk 5:12-16
Sat: 1Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149 Jn 3:22-30
NEXT SUNDAY: Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps. 29 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: NO report this week.

Dear Parish Family:

I look forward to welcoming you all along with our Pastoral Council and our Administrative Council members to our Epiphany party this Sunday (from 5-7 pm). This is our all parish Christmas gathering and it should be a fun time for us all. All are welcome! Just bring some food to share.

May we begin this New Year seeking, questioning, and wanting to grow in our faith. Someone has said "Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage." And so we make the new beginning of 2008 with courage and hope. We learn lessons and discover God in us and around us day by day. None of us has it "all together," but that is the way God has made us—to be in process, to grow into who God has made us to be—sometimes ever so slowly.

Thank you for your Christmas greetings, gifts and prayers. I am very grateful to you and I sincerely thank you all. It was a wonderful Advent and Christmas season, and now we get to live the message and love we have received!

We acclaim you, Jesus, our Peace!

Peace to you, Fr. JOHN

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Conchita and Lorena Campoy, Austin Schulz, Ron Mowlds, Shirley Lynch, Joseph Brandes, Marsha Gruhler, Chris Hodes, Bert and Cecilia Benson, Pat Kern, Helen Soder and Marlys Green mother in law of Debbie Green.

The Immigration film 'Dying to live' will be shown on January 13th at 9:45 a.m.

Come and learn more about immigration today and the concerns associated with it.

There will be a discussion after the film.

SAVE THE DATE: —Lent is early this year and our MARDI GRAS PARTY is Saturday, February 2, 6-10 p.m. Music by Ron Steen, and New Orleans fare. Tickets will go on sale right after Christmas.

YOUTH CORNER: Christmas Tree recycling continues this weekend. For \$5 you can bring your tree to St. Charles to support the Youth group on Saturday, January 5th noon - 3 p.m. and Sunday January 6th 9 a.m.—5 p.m. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!



**JANUARY 6, 2008
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Through Jesus, the light from heaven shines on all people. At times, despair and doubt cloud our vision. We feel poor and afflicted, with no one to help us. "Rise up in splendor!" God proclaims. "Your light has come!" The light of the Lord pierces the gloom and illuminates God's sons and daughters. They have come from near and far, north and south, east and west. Each person has a unique gift that no else can bring. Yet God cannot be outdone in generosity. Through Christ we are coheirs, members of his Body, and sharers of the ancient promises. All has been fulfilled in this new day of the Lord.

We are on a journey together, yearning for someone beyond the limits of this earth. But the one we seek can only be seen with eyes of faith. When we enter the household of faith, God is revealed in our midst. It is an "epiphany," a manifestation of "Emmanuel," the one who has been with us all along the way. With Mary his mother, the apostles, the prophets, the martyrs, the angels, and the whole company of heaven, we sing an unending hymn of praise, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

How has Christ been revealed to me today? Can I help others see his presence?

WHY SHOULD I JOIN A SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITY? Small Church Communities provide an opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners in an intentional way, with a common purpose. They provide a more casual experience of church, most often meeting in homes. These groups help us grow as people of faith and satisfy a hunger to get to know God better. Sign ups begin next weekend.

SERVICE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS: St. Charles is planning a service trip to New Orleans June 14-22nd, to assist Hurricane Katrina victims. The trip is open to anyone 16 years old-adulthood. We will raise funds for the trip, but will require a \$100 deposit to hold your spot. If interested contact Joan Winchester 503 281 6461 or joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Sessions for families wishing to have their child baptized begin Tuesday evening January 15th. Preparation consists of 3 evening gatherings and culminates with Baptism during the 11 am mass on Sunday, Feb. 3rd. To register or for additional information, please contact Joan Winchester 503 281 6461 or email joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

OUR UPDATED PARISH LIBRARY: is in the south end of the Parish Center. Feel welcome to check out books for a month at a time. Thanks to everyone who donated new books including our parish Altar Society!

We received a very nice thank you letter from Patti Joyce who was rendered homeless because of an apartment fire last August, (it was discovered to be an arson fire) that gutted her apartment and 6 others. In essence it stated that because of our kindness, generosity and support, she was able to get back on her feet. Life is moving along pretty well again. Most of her blessings have come from all of those who donated money, belongings, clothing and time to help her when she was down. Words never seem enough, but she truly thanks everyone for everything! Things happen for a reason, I wondered what the reason was and I decided it is a lesson in being humble and full of humility. She finished her letter by saying that she feels like more blessings have come her way from this than tragedy. It was signed All my very best Patti Joyce.

Throughout the year, in many ways, this community responds to those in need. You are truly living the gospel message.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	154,224.00
Sac Giv.(12/30)	<u>.no report</u>	

(after 26weeks)

We need an average of \$5712 each weekend to meet the 2007-08 budgeted offertory income. We need an average of \$8381 each weekend to meet the 2007-08 total budgeted income. The additional \$2699 needed weekly comes from rentals, fundraisers, and other income. **Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talents with your parish family as God's faithful stewards!**

PRAYER CORNER FOR FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN IRAQ OR OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICT:

Michelle Sterling, Jason Ostrow , Kyle Vidan, Travis McGrann and Phillip Ballard
For a daily prayer for peace in Iraq: www.prayercentral.net

SIERRA LEONE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS OUTREACH:

The blue barrel located in the hall near the parish office is for the items collected for our brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone. The people of this small African country are in need of basic items as they struggle to recover from war and poverty. The list of items needed is on the flyer located near the barrel. It includes underclothes, socks, tooth brushes and toothpaste. Thank you for your generous support as we consider our response to global issues. **This is the last weekend to donate.**

EPIPHANY POTLUCK: "Quest for the Light" today, Jan 6th 5-7 pm. Enjoy a stress free end of the Christmas season. The Twelve Days of Christmas begin the evening of Christmas Day and end today Epiphany Sunday. Our celebration will be a simple but festive potluck with songs and entertainment. Let us know if you need a ride or can provide one — we want everyone to be able to attend.

Have you signed the Assisi Pledge for Peace yet? It is on the table in the church entrance.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

- Jan 8– Gus Warnke, deceased
- Jan 9 - Bruno LaRosa, deceased
- Jan 10– Communion service
- Jan 11– Dan White, deceased
- Jan 12– Bob Allen and Dan White, deceased
- Jan 13- World Peace (8:30 a.m.)
- Jan 13- St. Charles benefactors (11 a.m.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 2- Mardi Gras party– 6-10 pm
- Feb 6— Ash Wednesday Masses 8 am & 7 p.m.
Soup supper– 6:15 p.m.
- Feb 10– Lenten Reflection 9:45 a.m. PC