

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today **Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.** (Is 22:19-23 Ps 138 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20)

Sunday Hospitality Bereavement Ministry

Mon: **Communion Ser 8 a.m.** (2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12 Ps 96 Mt 23:13-22)

Altar Society crafts 10 am gym

Tue **Mass 8 a.m.** (2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17 Ps 96 Mt 22:23-26)

Holy Hour 8:30 am

House mtg. 7-8:30 pm * Vidan's home

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m.** (2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18 Ps 128 Lk 7:11-17)

AA mtg.- Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. **Mass 8 a.m.** (1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145 Mt 24:42-51)

Share the Word- 8:45 am PC

Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.** (1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33 Mk 6:17-29)

AA mtg.. 7:30 p.m. Rm 15b

Sat. **No morning mass** (1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33 Mt 25:14-30)

St. Charles St. Vincent dePaul Pantry open 11-1pm

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Retirement party for Fr. John after mass

Next Sunday: **22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Masses at 8:30 and 11 am (Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27)

Retirement party for Fr. John after each mass

* indicates outside of church

DEAR PARISH FAMILY :

Jesus reassures us in this weekend's Gospel that nothing will ever destroy the church. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It's certainly a different church down through the ages, but God is always among us in Word and Sacrament and the Holy Spirit ever calls forth the varied gifts of God's people. Despite our sins and foibles, new life comes from set-backs and difficulties, and so we are always a hopeful people, each in our own way, being Christ in our world. Our Church is ever in process becoming a better sign of God's love among us. We have a long way to go to be the church God calls us to be; but we do not lose heart.

May Christ, the Good Shepherd, guide us all during this challenging time. May we be inspired to "take the high road" and be forgiving and see goodness in one another. It is not easy to do as Christ would do; but, we will be better people and a better church if we can keep trying to do that.

Peace to you, Fr. JOHN

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Jennifer Norman, Ilene Chambers, Bill and Linda Pashley, Robert Jones, Scott Brown, Joan Bruneau, Austen Schultz, Chester, Theresa and Anthony Miller and Harold Klein

Please pray for these parishioners.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the past week the St. Charles Conference of the St. VdePaul served 17 families, by providing food, clothing, housewares and school supplies, for a total of 80 people helped. In our pantry we need laundry soap, cooking oil, and chili.

Interested in volunteering? Please call Toni Schimming 503 287-1721 or email her at Tonischimming@msn.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Aug 26- Hal Smith, deceased

Aug 27- Hal Smith, deceased

Aug 28- Hal Smith, deceased

Aug 29- Clarence Wolf, deceased

Aug 30- Hal Smith, deceased

Aug 31- Peace and Justice (8:30 a.m.)

Aug 31 - St. Charles parishioners(11 am)

FAITH FORMATION:(including First Communion preparation) begins September 28. Sessions for children Kindergarten-8th grade take place most Sundays through April. Registration will be the first two weekends in September or you may contact the parish office. 503 281-6461.

PARISH LIBRARY: Father John donated a lot of books to the Parish Library. The library is located in the Parish Center and feel free to check out books anytime you are at the parish. You'll see the check out book for your convenience.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)- Do you know of someone who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith and perhaps becoming a Catholic? You can encourage them and invite them to join the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) process that begins in our parish in the fall. Anyone interested in RCIA may contact Sr. Phyllis at 503 281 6461 or Carlene Suminski 503 284 3060

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION for Fr. John next weekend after all masses. Please plan to stay and wish him well on the next chapter of his life. There will be a basket for your cards and blessings.

AUGUST 24, 2008

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Whoever has the keys has the power to open and shut, permit and prohibit. Jesus entrusted Peter with keys, not to an ordinary door but to the kingdom of heaven. But Jesus had to help Peter understand the meaning of real power and authority. "Who do the people say I am?" he asked his followers. Some said he was John the Baptist, others Elijah, Jeremiah, or another prophet. But then Jesus asked them, "Who do you say I am?" Inspired by God's Spirit, Peter spoke for them all: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!" No longer Simon, son of Jonah, he was Peter, the rock upon which Jesus would build his church. But it would take a lot of living and dying for Peter to understand what his role truly meant.

The prophet Isaiah
Broke down walls of prejudice,
Opened wide the doors of the sanctuary,
And welcomed those excluded as aliens.

Paul struggled to find the answers as he pondered God's mercy shown to all people. "How unsearchable are God's judgments and how inscrutable God's ways!" Peter and Paul knew that no matter how much they gave in service to God, there was nothing they could do to deserve God's unfathomable love.

Who is Jesus in my life? How do I share his power through baptism?

FAMILY FAITH SHARING: We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children and families. Start talking. Share your faith!

Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew shows us two things: how God uses people to accomplish His will and how the true nature of Jesus, who is both human and divine, is recognized by Peter. When Peter calls Jesus the "Son of the living God," it shows us that he was "open" to receive inspiration from God. For Peter could not have known this on his own — it reveals knowledge of Jesus that is far beyond human reasoning or experience. Perhaps what is more important is that this reading shows how Jesus commissions — or establishes — Peter as the foundation upon which the new community of believers will be built. Jesus needs people to be His presence in the world in order to do the great work of bringing all people to God.

Think of and talk about a time when you were "Christ" for someone else — that is, a time when what you said or did is what you think Jesus would have said or done. What do you need to change (or "work on") in yourself in order to "bring Jesus' presence" to your family, friends and the people you meet?

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,700.00	39,900.00
Sac Giv.(8/17)	2,660.00	32,739.00
(after 7 weeks)	-3,040.00	- 7,161.00

We need an average of \$5700.00 each weekend to meet the 2008-09 budgeted offertory income. We need an average of \$9043.00 each weekend to meet the 2008-09 total budgeted income. The additional \$3,374.00 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:

Phillip Ballard, Adam Winslow and John and Lindsey Jaszkwiaik

For a daily prayer for peace in Iraq: www.prayercentral.net

THANK YOU: The annual campout is a memory now. We thank all who put this together and made it another successful event. It was a little warmer than necessary but the river was very refreshing. A good time was had by all. THANKS AGAIN CAMPOUT TEAM.

ST. CHARLES ANNUAL PARISH BBQ: September 7, 2008. If you haven't done so yet mark your calendars now for this fun time.

The parish will furnish the hamburgers and hotdogs and trimmings. We ask that you bring a salad or dessert for 10 people, to share with fellow parishioners.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY The deadline for the Race for the Cure, \$30 check and registration form are due this weekend (Aug 23-24). Parish nurses will be available after the masses at the entrance to the church.

BAPTISM: Sessions for parents wishing to prepare for the baptism of their child will begin Tuesday evening, Sept 9, at 7 p.m in the Parish Center. Preparation consists of 4 evening sessions and culminates with baptism on Oct. 5 during the 11 a.m. mass. Fr. Jack Mosbrucker will be the presider for this liturgy. To register or for additional information, please call Joan Winchester 503 281 6461 or email her at joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Housing Transitions Program which serves the needs of homeless women needs help. If you would like to consider donating non perishable food items or volunteering for the program please contact Dustin Dandliker 971 222 1880 x 100. Email ddandliker@catholiccharitiesoregon.org.

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL: is seeking a part-time fundraising coordinator with 3-5 years experience. Send letter to St. Pius X School Advisory Council 1260 NW Saltzman Rd. Portland, Or. 97229. Information 503 644 3244.