

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today: **MASSES 8:30 AND 11 AM.**

C/R— Baptism
Nursery open Rm 15a.

Mon: **Communion Service 8 am**

Altar Society crafts 10 am

Tue **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Holy Hour 8:30-9:30 am.
1st Baptism session 7:30 p.m. PC
gym in use— 7-9 p.m.

Wed. **Mass at 8 am**

Staff mtg. 9 a.m.
Confirmation team mtg. 7 p.m. PC
AA mtg.— Rm 15b 6:30 pm.

Thurs. **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Share the Word 8:45 a.m.
Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m.
Fundraising meeting 7 p.m. PC

Fri. **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Parish Campout begins at Oxbow Park
AA mtg. Rm 15b 6:30 p.m.

Sat. **NO morning mass**

Parish Campout continues with outdoor mass at 11 am.
Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Next Sunday

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses 8:30 and 11 A.M.

NO Coffee and rolls
Nursery open
Parish Campout ends

* indicates meeting away from St. Charles

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Enid Ritter, Bernadette Gruhler, Peggy Chilton, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Irene Keller, Margaret Dahlen, Joe Brandes, Isabelle Baumchen, Eileen Chambers, Mary Mobley, Bob Fisher, Evelyn Masterson, the Joe Gibbons family, Conchita Campoy sister of Elena Oddy and Steve Brown.
Deaths: all those victims of the Peru earthquake.

Please pray for these parishioners

Correction: Sr. Phyllis' uncle, Clem Uhlenkott, died not her brother. She thanks you for all your prayers.

BAPTISM: Sessions for parents wishing to have their child baptized begin Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Preparation consists of 4 evening sessions and culminates with Baptism on Sept 23 during the 11 am mass. For additional information and to register, contact Joan Winchester 503 281 6461 or email her at joanw@stcharlespdx.org.

METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE FOR COMMON GOOD: St. Charles is a member of the Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good (MACG), a community organizing group of varied faith based, community based, and union membership. Our roots go back to Portland Organizing Project (POP), of which we were one of the founding members in the early 80's. St. Charles parishioners have always supported the work of community organizing, having felt the benefit first hand when POP successfully negotiated a more just distribution of the cost of running the sewer lines through NE Portland in the early 90's, MACG participation by members of St. Charles is greatly needed. This work is coordinated by the Relational Development Team. But there are only 6 of us! On Sunday, Sept. 23 from 12:30-2:30 we will gather with leadership from MACG to do a brief overview of this important ministry. Mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for further details.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mon 1 Thes. 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt.23:13-22

Tue 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-36

Wed 1 Thes. 2:9-13 Mk 6:17-29

Thur 1 Thes. 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Fri: 1 Thes 4 :1-8;Mt 25:1-13

Sat 1 Thes 4:9-11;Mt 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19,22-24a; Lk14:1, 7-14

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the week of Aug 13-17 the St. Charles Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society made 12 food calls, and 1 utility call for a total of 38 people helped.

In our food room we need tuna fish, cooking oil, canned fruit and chili. We need school supplies and any fresh food items also. Our next meeting is September 5 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. We need a secretary to take minutes at our meetings. This is very necessary. Call Polly 503 284 7940 if you can help. Thank you.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parish Family:

We know that Labor Day is traditionally the end of summer and then school begins. I hope you will have a safe holiday next weekend and blessings upon our parish campout. I look forward to meeting everyone who has been away from the parish during the summer. May our children and youth begin another school year with enthusiastic minds and hearts and bodies.

Jesus does not tell us how many will be saved, only that salvation will be a gift for ALL people, from the east and the west, from the north and the south. God wants us all to be saved, but we need to put forth effort in the life choices we make. We need to ready our hearts to receive the gift of heaven. God is in us and with us so heaven has really begun here and now. Lord, increase our faith to see you everywhere!

May God accept our work as a prayer. We pray this Labor Day Weekend for those who suffer injustice and even violence in the workplace, and for those who are unemployed.

Peace to you.

Father JOHN.

LORD, FOR THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY
MAY WE GIVE THEM BREAD.

AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BREAD,
MAY THERE BE A HUNGER FOR JUSTICE

MINISTRY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: The Archdiocese of Portland has offered for many years a Ministry Certificate Program for lay ecclesial ministers. This program is 2 tiered. It educates in the areas of theological and doctrinal content as well as pastoral skill and spiritual formation. Upon completion of the basic certificate, participants may choose an area of expertise and tailor additional classes to receive an advanced certificate. Study week was the 1st week of August and Linda Kunrath, Marcia White and Joan Winchester from St. Charles participated. Joan Winchester, the staff person in charge of Faith Formation and Relational Development received her advance certificate as a Pastoral Associate.

Congratulations to Joan.

Fruit of the Holy Spirit for the month of August

GENTLENESS

Since God chose you to be the holy people whom God loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Col 3:12

AUGUST 26, 2007

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Isaiah said that the way to God's reign is a broad thoroughfare for all who were willing to travel it. Salvation is offered to people from "every nation and language," even those who have never heard of God's name or proclaimed God's glory. All are chosen by God. By contrast, Jesus says, the way to God's kingdom is narrow. Can the way be both wide and narrow?

Jesus tells us that while all are invited to come, salvation is not automatic. Being a Christian does not guarantee God's favor any more than being a member of God's chosen people did in Isaiah's day. Yet we assume that we are among God's elect. Everyone else will be pounding on the door after the "good" people enter God's kingdom.

Perhaps it is we who will be left outside because of our narrow-mindedness toward people who are different from ourselves because of race, creed, culture, social status, or sexual orientation. We think we should have first place at God's table. Didn't we show up for Mass week after week? Didn't we listen to God's word and eat and drink at God's table? We neglect to mention that our ears were closed to what God was telling us. Jesus tries to break through the closed doors of our hearts. When our minds and hearts are open, we will grow in our understanding of God's reign. Then when we stand at the door of God's kingdom, we won't hear those awful words, "away from me, you evildoer. I do not know you."

Who are the ones I consider to be outside God's mercy and grace? Have I invited them to be a part of God's kingdom?

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

Luke uses one of Jesus' favorite teaching methods in the gospel for this Sunday—the parable. A parable uses one situation or story to explain the meaning of other situations. In this week's gospel passage, Jesus uses a parable about a wedding feast to teach us about humility. But, it is also a lesson about the "heavenly banquet," to which God is inviting us! This invitation is FREELY given to ALL of us. There isn't anything we can do to earn it and it is not based on how rich or poor we are. The invitation is a gift and shows us the goodness of God. As we think about it, it is humbling to realize how much God loves us. As Christians, we are called to treat other people the same way.

What does it mean to you to be "humble" before God? What opportunities are available in our community to care for the people who seem to be "least" in the Kingdom of God? How can we best respond to the cry of the poor and make it an example of accepting the invitation to the banquet?

PARISH NURSES: St. Charles Church will host a 6 week series of classes to teach caregivers how to care for themselves. This will be taught by 2 parish nurses specially trained in the Stanford University methods and paid for by a grant obtained for this purpose by Northwest Parish Nurse Ministries. Classes begin Sept. 27 from 1:30-4 pm and continue through Nov 1. If you are a caregiver or even anticipating such care giving in the near future, this class is for you. It is also for grandparents raising grandchildren.

To obtain "respite care" while you attend class, support is available free in Multnomah County from Aging Services at 503 988 3646. Application forms are available at the church or by calling directly. For parishioners in Vancouver, call Clark County 1-360-694-8144. To register call St. Charles office 503 281 6461.

Welcome—We welcome all newcomers with open hearts. The Welcome form is on the table in the back of the church!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	6,954.89	55,639.08
Sac Giv.(8/19)	<u>3,679.87</u>	<u>36,936.56</u>
Shortfall	- 3,275.02	- 18,702.52

(after 8 weeks)

Sacrificial Giving does not include rentals, fundraisers and other income— as actual cost of running the parish per week is \$9,623.63.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Michelle Sterling, Daniel Neigel, Jason Ostrow and Kyle Vidan, Travis McGrann and Phillip Ballard

Mass intentions for this week:

- Aug 28— Marilyn Parleyout for her intentions
- Aug 29- Bruno LaRosa— deceased father of Cynthia Roeser
- Aug 30- Peter Wolf deceased brother of Pat Gerads
- Aug 31— Gus Warnke-deceased father of Loretta Preece

PARISH BBQ: Our annual BBQ is coming up in September. Mark your calendar now for Sept. 9th. All you need to bring is salad or dessert for 10 people.

PARISH CAMPOUT: The campout is next weekend. dates August 31 to Sept 2. at Oxbow Park. There will be an outdoor mass on Saturday, September 1 at 11 a.m. A good time is had by all. Come for the whole weekend, come for a day, come for mass, or just stop by for a while on any of the days. We have evening campfires (with s'mores of course) singalongs, games and hiking etc. Please come join us for a great weekend of fun and friendship. Let us know as soon as possible so the food can be purchased and reservations made.

REUNION: We are still looking for St. Rose 1952 8th grade graduates. Call Dorothy at 503 281 8024

SUMMER FUNDRAISER: Our 50/50 Raffle is going rather slow — Sales have now topped the \$1565.00 mark. Tickets are sold after masses and in the parish office during the week. **PLEASE BRING BACK YOUR UNSOLD TICKETS.**

Receiving the Eucharist: If you are not receiving the Eucharist, feel free to come up for a blessing. Simply place your hand over your heart. Of course, all children who have not made their First Communion are welcome for a blessing too.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the 2007 Annual Campaign.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ST CHARLES: My wife and I enjoyed attending mass at your church and were amazed at the diversity and the friendliness of your parishioners. We had numerous people come up and greet us. Even our home parish can't hold a candle to how friendly your parishioners were. Your pastor's homily was as good as any I've heard. You are lucky to have him too.

THE ABBEY FOUNDATION OF OREGON: Monastic discernment retreat Mt. Angel Abbey for men between 16-35 on Sept 7-9. If interested please contact 503 845 3226.

NORTHWEST FAMILY SERVICES: 10 Great Dates comes to Portland— 8:30 am—4 pm Sept. 29 at the Ambridge Event Ctr. 300 NE Multnomah St. Free workshop to strengthen marriage and relationships. Information call 503 215 6377

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