

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PORTLAND



Calendar

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today **Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.** (Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27)
RETIREMENT PARTY FOR FR. JOHN AFTER MASSES

Mon: **No Mass or Communion Ser** (1Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119 Lk 4:16-30)
LABOR DAY
Office closed
NO Altar Society crafts

Tue **Mass 8 a.m.** Fr. Patrick Stewart (1Cor 2:10b Ps 145 Lk 4:31-37)
Holy Hour 8:30 am
School begins
Youth Core team mtg. 7pm PC
Spaghetti Dinner meeting 7:30 p.m. Parish office

Wed Communion Service 8 am (1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33 k 4:38-44)
AA mtg.– Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.
staff mtg. 9 a.m. PC

Thurs. **Mass 8 am** Fr. Patrick Stewart (1 Cor 3:18:23 Ps 24 Lk 5:1-11)
Share the Word– 8:45 am PC
Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC
Pastoral Council mtg. 7 p.m. PC

Fri **NO Communion Service or mass** (1Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37 Lk 5:33-39)
AA mtg.. 7:30 p.m. Rm 15b
RCIA Planning retreat* 6 pm
FF catechist party * 7pm

Sat. **No morning mass** (1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145 Lk 6:1-5)
St. Vincent dePaul St. Charles Pantry open 11-1pm
Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass 5 p.m.
Fr. Jack Mosbrucker presider
RCIA planning Retreat

Next Sunday: **23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Masses at 8:30 and 11 am (Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20)
Fr. Jack Mosbrucker presider
Parish BBQ
Faith Formation registration
NO Coffee and rolls
Foot care class 9:45 a.m. PC

* indicates out of parish mtg.

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, Harold Klein, Bill Schmich brother of Michael Schmich, and Chester, Theresa, and Anthony Miller .

Death: Victoria Thomas mother of Vina Thomas.
Please pray for these parishioners.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the past week the St. Charles Conference of the St. VdePaul helped 17 families for a total of 60 people helped. In our pantry we need Chili, cooking oil, flour, laundry & dish soap and personal hygiene products. Please help us help the children in our community by donating school supplies. Know that as you give your gift to help the poor, you bring God's love to them. Thank you for your support!

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

DEAR PARISH FAMILY: Strong words from Jesus to Peter in today's Gospel: "Get behind me Satan!" Peter believes Jesus is the long awaited Messiah; but, he was still thinking of a conquering Messiah who would destroy the Romans and lead Israel to power. Jesus commands all the apostles to silence because they would not be preaching the true Messiah, the one who had come to bring about the Kingdom of God, the one who would endure suffering and death on a cross. Now we follow that crucified Christ who is risen among us. In his name we say "no" to our own selfishness and "yes" to his way of life. We take up our crosses not only in bearing what is difficult, but in our making choices for the Kingdom of God that personally cost us something. We take up our crosses daily, not just at great moments of sacrifice, but in the daily decisions that bring life to ourselves and others. We can do this of course only through the gift of faith and the grace of God.

As I leave you for a new chapter in my life, I thank you for the privilege of serving St. Charles Parish! I remember the good things that God made happen through my ministry among you. I remember our prayers together, our work and fun together, and I remember the hope we shared for a better church and thereby a better world.

This is a new chapter for St. Charles Parish too. I pray you will support your parish staff and parish leadership and come together to make this a good year. This is not a crisis time, but an opportunity before you all.

Thank you for your prayers and blessings and let us continue to pray for one another that God might be praised through our words and deeds. I pray, "O God, for all that has been THANK YOU, and for what will be "YES." God does make our "crooked lines straight" through his grace and we remember Jesus' promise: "I am with you always." Let's all remember that no darkness can ever extinguish the light of Christ in us. Be the Light! Peace to you, Fr. JOHN

HOUSE MEETINGS: 4 house meetings have been held in the last 2 weeks, to talk about what it means for us to be without a resident priest and to share information and clear up misconceptions of what our future holds. These gatherings have been very helpful. The staff is very willing to offer additional gatherings during the month of September, if parishioners desire. Please contact the parish office (503 281 6461) if you would like to attend a meeting. There will be an "All Parish Forum" Sept 28 from 12:15—2 p.m. In the gym. **All parishioners are asked to attend.**

PARENT'S BLESSING OF CHILDREN BEFORE SCHOOL: I send you with my love and blessing to be the best person you can be today. Learn well, and play fairly. Bring God's love to those you meet this day. Go, look for God, and then come back and tell me the good news of what you found. May God keep you safe until you are home again, and may God bless you, the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Aug 31 - St. Charles parishioners
Aug 31- Gigi Gannon, that she passes her nursing exam
Sept 2- Hal Smith, deceased
Sept 4- Hal Smith, deceased
Sept 6- Clare McCarthy, deceased
Sept 7- all grandparents (8:30 am)
Sept 7- St. Charles parishioners (11 am)

AUGUST 31, 2008

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Jeremiah complained to God that he was too young to be a prophet. No matter how much he struggled to avoid the responsibility, God said, "I'm sending you!" Jeremiah had a difficult task because violence and outrage were his message. When all he got in return was scorn and derision, Jeremiah was ready to give up. Yet God's word became like a fire burning in his heart. No matter what price he was asked to pay, Jeremiah had to speak.

Paul knew the high cost of serving God — imprisonment, sickness, loneliness, beatings and shipwreck. Still, his sacrifice couldn't compare with the price Jesus paid on Calvary. Peter tried to stand in Jesus' way when he faced the cross. He allowed himself to be conformed to the world's values, not God's. If Peter wanted to follow Jesus, he needed to get behind him and share his cross.

Like Jeremiah, Peter, and Paul, we must be willing to give up power, prestige, and possessions if they prevent our serving God. We must do our best to present ourselves as holy and acceptable offerings to God.

What challenge does sacrifice present to me? How has it helped me grow in my Christian service?

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, which is again from Matthew's Gospel, points out that when we put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ we are able to see and understand the events of our lives more clearly. When Jesus talks about how he will have to suffer and die, Peter has a very normal, human reaction — he says he doesn't want this to happen to Jesus, who is his friend! For Peter sees death through *human* eyes — that is, he sees it as the end of life. Peter's all-too-human view of death and suffering shows that he doesn't really understand or have much trust in God's plan for creation. This lack of trust and understanding is a stumbling block for Jesus, who needs to carry out the will of the Father — Jesus really needs his disciples to understand who he is and what he has to do! Because of this lack of understanding and trust, Jesus gives Peter a bit of a tongue lashing.

Think about the things that have happened in your life. Have you trusted in God even when bad things have happened? Explain your answer. Try to think of some things that you can do to increase your trust in God...talk about them.

Remember— Faith is the ability not to panic
A grudge is a heavy load to carry
Do the math—count your blessings.

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

FOOTCARE CLASS: Sept. 7 9:45-10:45 am in the Parish Center.

LET'S FIX OUR BROKEN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM: The Oregon Health Fund Board is hosting a town hall mtg on their draft reform plan Monday Sept 8 from 6:30-9 pm at the Oregon Convention Center 777 NE MLK Blvd.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION for Fr. John is this weekend. We will celebrate after each mass. 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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,700.00	45,600.00
Sac Giv.(8/24)	3,518.00	36,257.00
(after 8 weeks)-	2,182.00	- 9,343.00

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, and Adam Winslow

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

Dear Lord: I spend so much time reliving yesterday or anticipating tomorrow that I lose sight of the only time that is really mine: The present moment. You give me today one moment at a time, that's all I have. Give me the faith which knows that each moment contains exactly what is best for me. Give me the hope which trusts you enough to forget past failings and future trials. Give me the love which makes each moment an anticipation of eternity with you. I ask this in your name, Lord Jesus, the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

FAITH FORMATION (including 1st Communion preparation) begins Sept 28. Sessions for children Kindergarten-8th grade take place most Sundays through April. Registration will be the first 2 weekends in September, or you may contact the parish office 503 281 6461.

ST. CHARLES ANNUAL PARISH BBQ: September 7, 2008.

Next weekend will be our annual BBQ.

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.

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@stcharlespxd.org.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

ST. PETER PARISH: SE 86th & Foster Rd. "Deep Pit" BBQ Chicken Dinner Sept 7 from noon-6 pm Adults \$10 Children 12 and under \$6. More information call 503 777 3321.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER: 6902 SE Lake Rd Suite 300 Milwaukie, Or. First Saturday Centering Prayer Sept 6 10am—12:30 pm Cost \$10. Taize Prayer Sept. 8 7-8 p.m.. Donation. Information 503 794 8542.

MT. ANGEL ABBEY: Sept 11, at the Damian Center —Program for Child Protection —1-1:45 p.m. followed by workshop "The Wrong Side of the Internet" from 1:45-4:45 p.m. All are welcome. Please RSVP by this weekend. 503 845-3034.