

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Faith Formation classes— 9:45 am
Liturgy of the Word Children
Nursery open
Sunday Hospitality Pastoral Council
RCIA 9:45 a.m. PC
Adult Ed— 9:45 a.m. RM 3
Youth Grp dinner —5:30 pm Karen's house
Retirement Fund for the Religious
Greening of the church 12:15 pm
Children practice for Christmas 9:45 am
Middle School Christmas party 12 pm RM 15b

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

Shining Star—gym 9-9:30 am & 1:10-1:25 pm
CYO— gym 4:45 pm—8:30 pm
NO Altar Society Crafts

Senior Citizen potluck lunch— noon —gym

Administrative Council mtg. 7 p.m. PC

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

Holy Hour 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Shining Star gym 10:45-noon
Reconciliation— 7 p.m. St. Andrew
CYO— gym 3:30-8:30 pm
gym in use 8:30-10 pm
Ladies nite out— 6 p.m. Poor Richards

Wed. **Mass at 8 am**

Staff mtg. 9 a.m. Fr. John
Shining Star— gym 1-1:30 pm
Reconciliation— 7 p.m. St. Rose
RCIA team mtg. 7 p.m.*
St. Vincent dePaul mtg. 7 p.m.
AA mtg.— Rm 15b 6:30 pm.
CYO— gym 4:45 pm-8:30 pm
children and youth choir practice for Christmas— 6:30 pm

Thurs. **Mass at 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 pm
CYO— 3:30-8:30 p.m. gym

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

Depaul gym 9:30-10:30 am and 10:40-11:30 am
AA mtg. Rm 15b 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Service for peace— Redeemer Lutheran 630-7:30 p.m.

Sat. **NO morning mass**

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Next Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.

NO FF classes

Liturgy of the Word for Children

NO Sunday Hospitality

Nursery open

decorating the church

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, Dan White, Bert and Cecilia Benson, Irene Sark, Frank Mosley, Ashley and Arianna Reich, Mildred and Dianne Carter, Bobby Berstler and Fr. EB Painter of the Madeleine Parish.

Death: Sr. Maria Madeline Amato

Please pray for these parishioners.

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY TO: Tom and Cathy Smith who are celebrating their 40th year this month.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK AND MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Gn 49:2-8-10 Mt 1:1-17

Tue Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

Wed Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25

Thur Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

Sat: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

NEXT SUNDAY: Fourth Sun of Advent

Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

Howard Hannibal, dec'd

Tom Adkins, ill

Enid Ritter, dec'd

Mike Masterson, dec'd

Bert & Cecilia Benson, ill

Bill & Alice Rose

St. Charles parishioners

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the past week the St. Charles Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society made 12 food calls and 2 utility calls for a total of 64 people helped.

On Dec. 17 we need pick ups and any vehicles to pick up food at St. Rose to bring to St. Charles. This takes many people, because the boxes are heavy—we need people also on that day to tape boxes (bring strong tape). Please call Polly 503 284-7940. We will need this food for our Christmas food boxes. Also, the week of Dec 18-21, we will be packing boxes and delivering. Please, bring turkeys, chickens, hams to put in 75 boxes —THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Dear Parish Family:

We proclaim you, JESUS, OUR PEACE! Hopefully, these are not just words on a poster and our Advent theme. May Jesus truly be our peace, helping us let go of resentments and harsh judgments and stress over “stuff” that does not really matter. God's Holy Word calls us to patience and challenges us to let go of complaining. Excellent resolutions for each of us this Advent season!

Thank you to everyone on our Multicultural Ministry who planned Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass celebration and potluck. Mary, please pray for us!

Peace to you, Fr. JOHN

WINTER SOLSTICE: AN INCONVENIENT PEACE: The NE Interfaith Peace Group is hosting a gathering for peace Friday evening Dec. 21 at Redeemer Lutheran Church on 20th and NE Killingsworth, 6:30-7:30 p.m. The evening will focus on the darkness of war and violence and the light of hope that we all long for. Please dress warm as part of the evening will be outdoors.

EPIPHANY POTLUCK: “Quest for the Light” is on Feb. 5th, 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 on Epiphany (January 6). Our celebration will be a simple but festive potluck with songs and entertainment. Sign up starting December 22, and let us know if you need a ride or can provide one — we want everyone to be able to attend.

PASTORAL COUNCIL suggests/asks that all ministries including the two councils try to finish up meetings by 8:30 p.m. to give parishioners quality home time. This will necessitate careful planning of the meeting agendas of course.



**DECEMBER 16, 2007
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: In the dryness of our deserts and in the darkness of our prisons, we cannot see that life is beginning to bloom. We are like fragile reeds blown this way and that by every changing wind. Questions and uncertainty fill our hearts, "Are you the one, or are we to look for another?"

Jesus comes to give hope to all who suffer. He boldly declares: "The blind see, cripples walk, lepers are cured, deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the poor have the gospel of justice preached to them." In the light of his presence we realize how blind and deaf, sick and dead we are. Still we must be patient with ourselves and one another. The fullness of God's reign in our lives is still to come. Like seed planted in the winter and watered by the spring rain, it takes root and blossoms. If we have prepared the soil, we can be confident of a great harvest. The least ones on earth can become great in God's kingdom. When our eyes are opened, we see the beauty that is always around us. With ears unstopped we clearly hear, "Be Strong! Fear Not! Here is your God who comes to save you!"

In what ways do I open the eyes and ears of the oppressed, needy, and helpless? In what ways have my eyes and ears been opened this Advent?

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 is the third Sunday of Advent and once again we hear a passage from the Gospel of Luke. While in prison, John the Baptist sends some of disciples with a question for Jesus — they ask, "Are you the 'one who is to come' or should we look for another?" Jesus tells them to tell John what they have seen and heard Jesus do.

Why do you think John sent that question to Jesus? What six signs does Jesus give to answer John's question? How do these signs help your faith to grow?

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: At St. Charles we celebrate Christmas at three liturgies. The Family Mass, with music by the youth choir and involvement of the parish children, with caroling at 4:30 pm and mass at 5 pm. The vigil mass, with music by the contemporary music group with caroling at 9:30 pm and mass at 10 pm. Our Christmas Day liturgy with music by the traditional choir with caroling at 9:30 am and mass at 10 am.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	137,088.00
Sac Giv.(12/9)	5,531.00	122,118.00
Shortfall	- 181.00	- 14,970.00

(after 24 weeks)
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

SENIOR POTLUCK this Monday Dec. 17 at noon. Bring a dish to share and a photo of yourself from "former years". Santa has a gift for you and you can stay for Bingo if you wish.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: This month it will be at Poor Richards on December 18 beginning at 6 p.m. All the women of the parish are invited to join us. We have a good time.

Just a question? Where have all the kitchen towels gone? We need towels, if you have any to spare. Bring them to the office.

Prayer that all Christians can pray- Dear Lord, I pray that all Christians everywhere, no matter what their differences may be, will unite under one God and become one voice in your honor. For we are all your children and you love each and everyone of us equally. Amen.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY ARTICLES FOR THE BULLETIN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS DURING THE HOLIDAY WILL HAVE TO BE IN TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY DEC. 17. THANK YOU!!!!

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES: New groups will be forming for Lent, beginning in January. Watch this bulletin for further information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec 18- Reconciliation- St. Andrew- 7 p.m.
- Dec 19- Reconciliation- St. Rose- 7 p.m.
- Dec 21- Prayer Service Redeemer Lutheran- 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Dec 24- Christmas family mass- 5 pm
- Christmas night mass- 10 pm
- Dec 25- MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Christmas Day Mass 10 am

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH: running a campaign called "Pray All Ways". (See prayer above)
AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF OREGON: Annual meeting Dec. 23, at 1 p.m. at St. Andrew Community Center. Bring a potluck dish to share at the Christmas party immediately following.