

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

THE HOLY FAMILY

Today: **MASSES 8:30 AND 11 A.M.**
 NO Faith Formation classes
 NO Liturgy of the Word Children
 Nursery open
 NO Sunday Hospitality

Mon: **NO Communion Service or morning mass**
Vigil mass 7 p.m.
 NO Altar Society Crafts
 NO Ball
office closed

Tue **Mass at 10 a.m.**
 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
office closed
 HAPPY NEW YEAR
 No ball
 gym in use 12:30-9:30 p.m.

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m.**
 Shining Star– gym 1-1:30 p.m.
 AA mtg.– Rm 15b 6:30 pm.
 CYO gym 4:45-8:30 p.m.

Thurs. **Mass 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.

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.
 tree recycling 12-3 p.m.

Next Sunday
Epiphany
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 coffee and traditional treats
 Nursery open
 RCIA 9:45 a.m.
Parish Quest for the Light Epiphany potluck 5 p.m.
 Confirmation mtg. 12:15 p.m.
 Tree recycling 9-3

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, Irene Sark, Frank Mosley, Ashley and Arianna Reich, Mildred and Dianne Carter, Bobby Berstler, Fr. EB Painter of the Madeleine Parish, Pat Kern, Helen Soder and Marlys Green mother in law of Debbie Green.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY (NEW YEAR'S MASSES): New Year's Eve Mass will be December 31st at 7 p.m. It will be a candlelight meditative mass. New Year's Day Mass will be January 1st at 10 a.m. The St. Charles Choir will lead us in song.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Mon 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96 Jn 1:1-18
 Tue Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
 Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
 Wed 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98 Jn 1:19-28
 Thur 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98 Jn 1:29-34
 Fri: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98 1,7-9 Jn 1:35-42
 Sat: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100 Jn 1:43-51
 NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60:1-6 Ps 72 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: NO report this week.
 Many thanks to all who donated to and/or delivered, boxed up or helped in any way during the holidays.

We were able to make a nicer Christmas for many people because of your generosity this season.

THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU....THANK YOU

Dear Parish Family: I hope you had a special Christmas! I know it is a blessed, but lonely time for many people. I miss loved ones who have died especially my parents at Christmas time, and I think of other people who have been part of my life whom I miss. No thing, no celebration or any experience can fully satisfy our hearts, and any joy of the season is a shadow of the joy prepared for us in heaven. May the coming of Jesus to us this Christmas prepare us for eternal joy. A special blessing to all families in our parish this Holy Family weekend. How could our parish better support the "domestic church," the home church, where faith is born and nurtured? Being church in our homes is not about one's décor with pictures or crucifixes, but how we treat each other in our family. Parents are the first and best teachers of the faith by what they say and do, like modeling for their children in saying and meaning, "I am sorry," and "I forgive you." Sometimes our children want to go to mass, but it is the lack of enthusiasm of the parents that keeps the family away. This is sad. A sharing question: "How can we be a more loving family in 2008?" Blessings to our families and to our parish family and peace to you.
 HAPPY NEW YEAR, FR. JOHN

A Prayer for Keeping a Resolution: Lord, I have made a promise I want to keep, but I feel fragile and afraid. Guide me and strengthen me for in You I can do all things. May the keeping of my promise give You glory and praise. AMEN.

Feast of the Epiphany Weekend: If as Herod, we fill our lives with things and again with more things, if we consider ourselves so important that we must fill every moment of our lives with doing, when will we have time to make the long slow journey across the desert as did the Magi? Or sit and watch the stars as did the shepherds? Or ponder the coming of the child as did Mary? For each of us there is a desert to travel, a star to discover, and a being within ourselves to bring to life.

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.

YOUTH CORNER: Thank you to the Youth Group members who helped with the greening of the church last Sunday, and to those in the group who helped make the Origami cranes.

Christmas tree recycling runs this Saturday, Dec. 29 noon to 3 pm and Sunday Dec. 30 9 am—3 pm. The \$5 fee will help fund our retreat to Mt Hood this winter. We will also be recycling trees next weekend, too. Please support this St. Charles Youth Group fundraiser.

DECEMBER 30, 2007
HOLY FAMILY

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Jesus is God's incarnate Word who proclaims to us God's words of love, mercy, kindness, humility, forgiveness, patience, gratitude and peace. Not only does Jesus say these words, he expresses them in everything he does. In our speech and action, we too must be submissive to the "word" of God that dwells within us. By doing so, we reveal the love of God that binds our human family together.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph teach us what it is to be a holy family. Like them, we must be faithful to God, honoring one another, worshipping and celebrating with God's people. Joseph, Mary and Jesus teach us how to listen to God's word, even when it is most difficult. Like them, we must be obedient, no matter how demanding the task. They give encouragement to all who flee from tyranny, and live as strangers in foreign lands. Despite hostility and conflict in our world, we must dedicate ourselves to justice and love. Then Christ's peace will truly reign in our hearts. With thankful and joyful hearts, mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, young and old can raise their voices and say, "HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO WALK IN THE WAYS OF THE LORD!"

Is my family growing in the holy virtues of peace and love? Am I?

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 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. An angel appears to Joseph again to warn him. Joseph, Mary and Jesus have to leave their home and go to another country to be safe.

Joseph protected Mary and Jesus from the dangers they faced. He did not do it all by himself. Who helped Joseph? Since the Gospel does not give us details of their journey, try to imagine what it was like and tell how Joseph and Mary might have worked together to make it to Egypt. What do you think they said to each other? How can you help in your family?

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, January 1

God's reign has arrived in the person of Jesus. It is truly a new year, a new era, the beginning of our salvation. All of history and time is suspended as the Son of God comes to dwell among us. Because Mary was chosen to bring God's Son to the world, the divine light shines on all, and the age-old promise is fulfilled: "He will save his people from their sins." Since Mary was obedient to the word of God, we are adopted sons and daughters, children of God united in baptism. God's word is formed in each one of us. Together we cry out with Jesus, "Abba!" "Father!"

As Mary's spiritual children, we join in her mission to bring forth the one who saves us. Like Mary, we ponder all that we have seen and heard. We treasure God's word in our hearts and raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise. With her, we are "Christ-bearers" to the world.

Pray the blessing of Aaron for each member of your family:
"The LORD bless you and keep you;/the LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;/ the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace" (Nm 6:24-26)

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!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	148,512.00
Sac Giv.(12/23)	.00	.00

Shortfall

(after 25weeks) no report this week

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

HOW CAN I JOIN A SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITY? Groups will be forming for Lent, which begins the first week in February. Sign ups will be the weekends of Jan 12/13 and 19/20. You will be asked to choose a group based on the best time for you to meet. There will be both evening and daytime groups. Meetings will last 1 1/2 hours and you are asked to commit for the six weeks of Lent. During the Easter Season we will gather groups together to determine whether you would like to continue beyond Lent. If that is what your group decides, you will choose a twice monthly gathering time.

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. We will collect items thru Jan. 6th.

EPIPHANY POTLUCK: "Quest for the Light" is on **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 on Epiphany (January 6). Our celebration will be a simple but festive potluck with songs and entertainment. Sign up sheets are out now and let us know if you need a ride or can provide one — we want everyone to be able to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Dec. 31-Frances Ozuna, deceased
Jan 1 - Joyce Lions, ill
Jan 2 - Enid Ritter, deceased
Jan 3 - Frances Rader, deceased
Jan 4- Joseph Buccella, deceased
Jan 5- Virginia Crittenden, deceased
Jan 6- parishioners- (8:30 am)
Jan 6- Robert Swanson deceased(11 am)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan 1- Solemnity of Mary Mass at 10 am
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008
Jan 6- Epiphany Quest for the Light potluck 5 pm