

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PORTLAND



Calendar

: HOLY FAMILY

Today (Sir 3:2-7 12-14 Ps 128 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40)

Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.

NO FF

NO Liturgy of the Word for Children

coffee and juice in the Parish Center

Mon: **No communion service** (1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96 Lk 2:22-35)

office closed

no ball

Tue **Mass 8:00 am** (1 Jn2:12-17 Ps 96 Lk 2:36-40)

office closed

NO Holy Hour

Wed **NO morning mass** (1Jn2:18-21 Ps 96 Jn2:1-18)

office closed

New Year's Eve

Mass at 7 p.m.

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

Thurs. **Mass 10 am.** (Nm6:22-27 Ps 67 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21)

Mary Mother of God

Office closed

Happy New Year

Fri **Mass 8:00 am** (1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98 Jn 1:19-28)

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

Sat. **No morning mass** (1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98 Jn1:29-34)

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

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Tree Recycling

Next Sunday : **EPIPHANY** (Is 60:1-6 Ps 72 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12)

Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.

FF classes

Liturgy of the Word for Children

RCIA 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Hospitality

bring Christmas Treats to Share

Epiphany party 5 pm gym

Tree recycling



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:

No report due to the weather conditions.

During the past week the St. Charles St. Vincent dePaul helped families with food & house wares for a total of adults & children helped.

By your support we are able to serve our neighbors.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY HOSPITALITY: Remember to bring Christmas or ethnic treats to share for Sunday Hospitality on January 4, 2009.

EPIPHANY POTLUCK : "Quest for the Light" is on January 4, 5-7 p.m. Enjoy a stress free end to the Christmas season. The Twelve Days of Christmas end on Epiphany. Our celebration will be a simple but festive potluck with songs and entertainment. Sign up after masses and let us know if you need a ride or can provide one — we want everyone to be able to attend.

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Joan Bruneau, Austen Schultz, Robert Jones, Teri Liberator, Alice McCarthy, Marie Tillman, Shirley McClendon, Albert Oddy, Toni Baker, Mike Barrows, Bette Eivers, Anthony "Babe" Galuzzo, Anthony Hanson.

Please pray for these parishioners.

ST. CHARLES CHURCH INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

During inclement weather, especially icy conditions, please be extra prudent, and if we are encouraged to stay home we should follow that advice. The Church offers a dispensation from the obligation of Sunday Mass during times such as these. During the week if Portland Public Schools are closed, or on two hour late start, our office is closed, or will open two hours late, and there will be no weekday morning Mass or Communion Service.

DECEMBER 28, 2008

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Christ dwells in each one gathered as one family around the table. Young and old, male and female, everyone has a right to be heard, whether in instruction, prayer, or song. We may be aged, like Simeon and Anna, and feel that we have nothing to say. Yet they are models for today. They recognize Christ in their midst, and they fearlessly proclaim God's saving light to all peoples. Their message gives hope to those who look forward to God's deliverance. Like the prophets before them, their words are filled with blessing and gratitude, sorrow and pain. Not all will accept their words. The child of peace will be opposed by conflict and disunity.

Mary and Joseph show us how to walk in God's ways. Submissive to God's word, their child is filled with wisdom and the grace of God. Like them, we are called to be a "holy family." Our words of correction must be tempered with humility and love. Whether in speech or action, whatever we do must be done in the name of Jesus.

Is my family united in peace and love? Can Mary, a virgin mother, and Joseph, her chaste spouse, be examples for families today?

MARY MOTHER OF GOD:

God's messenger is Yeshua, "Jesus", the one who comes as a voiceless child. Yet through him, God's ways of mercy and peace are known on the earth. In him, we are coheirs with Jesus, sons and daughters, adopted children of God. With Jesus we can invoke God's name and cry out, "Abba!" "Father!"

Mary is the privileged instrument of God's self-disclosure in her son, Jesus. Woman, wife, virgin, and mother, she is a model for all who seek salvation. She is not nameless, she is the Theotokos, the "God bearer." Her voice is heard in the poor and lowly who treasure God's word in their hearts and ponder what they see and hear. When they understand what has been told, they cannot restrain their lips. As "Christ bearers" to the world, God's glad tidings are announced to all who will listen: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look kindly upon you and grant you peace!"

Like Mary, have I given birth to Jesus in my life? Do I announce good news to others?

TOWELS: Where have all the towels gone. **Help**— we need terry type towels for in the kitchen. They have disappeared. If you have any terry kitchen towels you would like to donate, please bring them to office. Thank you very much.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,700.00	136,800.00
Sac Giv. (12/14)	1,619.00	101,426.00
(after 24 weeks) -	4,081.00	-35,374.00

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 \$3374.00 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, AFGHANISTAN OR OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICT:

Col. Dan Kern, Joe DuFresne, AJ Asche, and Lindsey Jaszowski

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

ST. CHARLES CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING!
JANUARY 3, 4, AND 11TH

9 A.M.—3 P.M.

\$5.00

ST. CHARLES PARKING LOT

Support St. Charles Youth
and if you would
like to help contact Anne Holt 503 252 2170



IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER: 6902 SE Lake Rd. Ste 300 Milwaukie, Or. —Developing a Discerning Way-Tuesdays beginning Jan 6 7-9 pm. Cost \$65 at Loyola 3220 SE 43rd Jesuit Ctr. To register call 503 794 8542.