

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PORTLAND



## Calendar

### 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today **Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.** (Is 55:10-11 Ps 65 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23)

Sunday Hospitality Charis (SCC)

RDM Retreat

Blood Pressure Clinic

Mon: **Communion Ser 8 a.m.** (Is 1:10-17 Ps 50 Mt 10:34-11:1)

Altar Society crafts 10 am gym

Tue **Communion Ser. 8 a.m.** (Is 7:1-9 Ps 48 Mt 11:20-24)

Holy Hour 8:30 am

Bereavement mtg.\* 7 p.m.

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m.** (Is 10:5-7,13b-16 Ps94 Mt 11:25-27)

Staff mtg. 9:00 a.m. PC

AA mtg.– Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Youth mtg. 7 p.m. PC

Thurs. **Mass 8 a.m.** (Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Ps 102 Mt 11:28-30)

Share the Word– 8:45 am PC

Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC

Administrative Council mtg. 7 p.m. PC

Building Faithful Connections 7 p.m. Rm 3

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.** ( Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 Ps Is38 Mt 12:1-8)

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

Sat. **No morning mass** (Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10 Mt 12:14-21)

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

**Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.**

**Vigil Mass 5 p.m.**

Next Sunday: **16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Masses at 8:30 and 11 am** (Wis12:13,16-19 Ps 86 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43)

Sunday Hospitality: Multi Cultural Ministry

Water for Life ( Thirst) DVD & discussion 9:45 a.m. PC

St. Vincent dePaul collection

### PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Austin Schulz, Ada Newsom, Jennifer Norman, Elizabeth Gant, Bernard Mudiamu, Ilene Chambers, Lisa Garcia, Bernice “Cookie” Jensen, Bill Pashley, Karl Ludwigen, Bobby Berstler, Marguerite Reilly and Robert Jones.

**Death:** Dolores Roberts mother of Karen Asbury.

Please pray for these parishioners.

### WELCOME TO A FEW OF OUR NEWER PARISHIONERS:

Robert & Mary Sparkes; Helen McNeil; Jim Keitges;  
Kurtis & Holly Kucera; Meaza Ghebremicael;  
Christopher Aiken & Kailyn Khan; K/Son Aiken & Dania Michael; Christopher Bernier; Jennifer Blando-Egner; Heidi & Luke Brill.

We welcome you to our parish family.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:** During the past week the St. Charles Conference of the St. VdePaul made 8 food calls and 7 families helped in the Saturday pantry with housewares, clothing and food for a total of 78 people helped.

Interested in volunteering for weekday food deliveries or Saturday pantry? Call Toni 503 287 1721 or ToniSchimming@msn.com.

For our pantry, we are asking for baby clothes, diapers in all sizes, baby food and formula.

Thank you for your continued support!

### DEAR PARISH FAMIY.

**WELCOME** to Father Bruce Cwiekowski, the Director of Chaplaincy Services at Providence Hospital, who is here at St. Charles while Father John is away on vacation. May God bless his presence with us and may God bless all who are away on vacation.

### SAVE OUR PLANET Be more environmentally friendly

Americans have been driving fewer miles each month since Nov. according to the US Dept. of Transportation—no wonder! Keep the streak going—walk! Metro (your regional government) has just published a book called “Walk There! 50 treks in and around Portland and Vancouver.” The book is available for just a \$5 shipping charge or download it for free. Click on [www.oregonmetro.gov](http://www.oregonmetro.gov) and then click “walk there” link to the left for all the details or call Metro at 503 797 1700.

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**ST. CHARLES ANNUAL PARISH BBQ: September 7, 2008.** Anyone wanting to help on this fun event contact Jeff Trump. Mark your calendars now for this fun time and watch for more details in the bulletin as the time nears.



Are there any anniversaries for July? Increments of 5 would be appreciated. We would love to congratulate you. Call the office 503 281 6461.

JULY 13, 2008

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

When life turns arid and we thirst for relief, God's word comes as a gentle rain to shower our barren world with love. Like a skilled farmer, God tills the fields of our lives, breaking up the hard clods in our hearts, making us fertile soil for receiving God's word. At times, our hearts are like rocky ground; our faith is shallow and has no depth. The seed has little chance to grow and withers for lack of roots. Other times, the thorns of worry and concern choke the life out of us.

We need to take time to weed out those things that zap our energy so that God's word is not wasted and we are able to hear and understand. When we prepare our hearts to welcome God's word, it takes root, matures, and yields a rich crop in our lives. Like a mother awaiting new life, we labor in anticipation of the harvest. The present sufferings cannot be compared with the glory God will reveal.

***Is my commitment to read God's word crowded out by unimportant things? Have the weeds of worldly anxiety overtaken the garden of my soul?***

**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 Gospel passage from Matthew is a parable about a sower and good soil. (A sower is a person who plants things). Jesus says that only the seed sown in good rich, fertile soil will grow and produce fruit. In this parable, God is the sower and Jesus is comparing us to the soil — like the hard soil of the path, our eyes, ears and hearts can be closed to Jesus' teaching and the seeds of faith cannot grow there.

***Do you think you are "fertile soil" for the Word of God to grow in? Why or why not? In what way do you see and hear and feel God's presence in your life? What are some of the "fruit" that God's Word has produced in you!***

**ST. CHARLES ANNUAL CAMPOUT:** It is time to start planning for the parish campout. The dates to mark down on your calendar are **August 15,16,17th** at Ox-bow Park. There will be an outdoor mass on Sat. Aug. 16 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.

Registration forms should be out soon. We have evening campfires (with s'mores of course) sing-along, games and hiking etc. Please come join us for a great weekend of fun and friendship. Our campout leaders have menus planned and meals are prepared for the weekend. We usually have a "pancake man" who makes special pancakes for the kids too. Keep watching the bulletin for more details.



**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,669.00	5,669.00
Sac Giv.(7/6)	6,669.00	6,669.00
	+ 1,000.00	+ 1,000.00

(after 1 week)

We need an average of \$5,669. 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:**

Kyle Vidan, Phillip Ballard, and Adam Winslow.

For a daily prayer for peace in Iraq: [www.prayercentral.net](http://www.prayercentral.net)

**SOFTBALL:** The St. Charles Softball team (in case you didn't know that we had one) would like to invite anyone who wishes to come and watch them play. Here is their schedule—

**July 13**(today) at 3:00 and again at 4:15; **July 20** 3 p.m. and again at 4:15 p.m.; and **July 27** at 3 and 4:15 p.m.; All games are played at Delta Park. Come on out and cheer them on.

**THIRST:** Movie showing July 20, 9:45-10:45 am in the Parish Center. Is water part of a shared "commons" a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold and traded in a global marketplace? This documentary reveals how water is the catalyst for explosive community resistance to globalization. Come, learn about water usage around the world.

**IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:**

**FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER**-6902 SE Lake Rd. Suite 300 Milwaukie Or. : The Development of the Eucharist According to Acts- Fri. 10-11:30 a.m. 7 week course beginning July 11. cost \$60. To register or for information call 503 794 8542.

**ST. PHILIP NERI:** 2408 SE 16th at Division: On July 22, at 4 pm in the St. Paul Rm a group will gather to meet with Dr. Joseph Fahey, a Theologian from New York and workers from Providence Hospital who have been seeking to form a union with their co workers. Any one interested is invited to attend. Information call 236 4949 x 226.

**HOLY ROSARY CHURCH:** 375 NE Clackamas St. On August 8 from 7-9 p.m. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will have a discussion with older high school students, recent graduates and college students about Keeping the Faith After High School.

**ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON:** Interfaith Forum on Ethics of Torture & Human Rights on July 23 from 9 am—3 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church 1624 NE Hancock . Cost \$15 which includes lunch.