

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today **Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.** (Wis 12:13,16-19 Ps 86 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43)

Sunday Hospitality Multi Cultural Ministry

St. Vincent dePaul collection

Water for Life (Thirst) DVD & Discussion 9:45 am PC

Mon: **Communion Ser 8 a.m.** (Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Ps 50 Mt 12:38-42)

Altar Society crafts 10 am gym

Tue **Mass 8 a.m.** Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 85 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18)

Holy Hour 8:30 am

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m.** (Jer1:1,4-10 Ps 71 Mt 13:1-9)

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

Thurs. **Mass 8 a.m.** (Jer 2:1-3, 7-8,12-13 Ps 36 Mt 13:10-17)

Share the Word- 8:45 am PC

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

MACG Organizing Team mtg.* 7 pm

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.** (2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126 Mt 20:20-28)

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

Sat. **No morning mass** (Jer 7:1-11 Ps 84 Mt 13:24-30)

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

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Next Sunday: **17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Masses at 8:30 and 11 am (1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 Ps 119 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52)

Sunday Hospitality: In The Word- (Kevin Wrede) SCC

* indicates outside of church

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the past week the St. Charles Conference of the St. VdePaul made 7 food calls and helped 20 families in the Saturday pantry for a total of 95 people helped.

In last weeks Gospel, we heard the story of the sower and we know that "some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold.

Did you sow seeds in your own garden that fell on rich soil? Please consider sharing your bounty. Together we will produce fruit a hundred fold.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life's burdens. Thank you all for your continued support.

Interested in volunteering, please call Toni Schimming 503 287 1721 or email to Tonischimming@msn.com.

SAVE OUR PLANET Be more environmentally friendly

"Paper or plastic?" How about neither? Many shoppers have chosen reusable bags instead. Recent studies on the environment have found plastic bags floating in the ocean as far north as the Arctic Circle to South of the Falkland Islands and everywhere in between. Plastic bags make up over 10% of the waste washing up on America's shores and choke and entangle wildlife large and small. Do your planet a favor and get reusable bags and keep them on hand in your car or bike!

Father John is back, but not in time for this bulletin to be printed, so he will have a message next week.

Thank you to Fr. Bruce Cwiekowski, Fr. Jack Topper and to Fr. Ignatius who were here for the weekend masses.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

July 22- Evelyn Masterson, birthday

July 23- Cecelia Benson, deceased

July 24- Mike Bennison, accident

July 25- Cecelia Benson, deceased

July 26-

July 27- St. Charles parishioners, 8:30 am

July 27- Sandy Gallagher, deceased 11 am

HOUSE MEETINGS WITH FR. JOHN:

Last Summer St. Charles held several house meetings to become acquainted with Fr. John and to voice hopes for parish life. This August, we will offer similar meetings to review those hopes and to discuss our future. More information soon.

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 Ludwigsen, Bobby Berstler, Robert Jones, Mike Schreiber and Mike Bennison brother in law of Fr. John.

Please pray for these parishioners.

PARISH NURSES MINISTRY: We appreciate those of you who were able to support our student nurses by attending the nutrition presentations. We will have a copy of the DVD summarizing their work with us for viewing later. It was interesting to discover that of those who filled out the survey, only 1/2 of us are eating enough fruit and vegetables for our minimum daily requirement. This summer, look closely at those food labels, even from one brand to another, and enjoy the neighborhood gardens, or Farmer's Markets.

Would you like us to take up their suggestion that we have fruit once a month instead of rolls with our coffee? Submit your opinion to the Parish Office 503 281 6461.

JULY 20, 2008

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

The psalmist had no shortage of adjectives to describe God, who is good and forgiving, slow to anger, and abounding in kindness and fidelity. God is the source of justice and governs with mercy. God's power is revealed to believers and unbelievers alike. This gives us good ground for hope when we meet obstacles in our lives.

Jesus knew that we cannot avoid difficulties and problems. Just when we think that we have pulled up all the weeds of doubt and despair, a new crop comes along to give us misery. Jesus said that all we need is a little faith, about the size of a mustard seed or a grain of yeast. Though our faith seems inadequate, it will grow within us.

Paul knew from experience that God's Spirit helps us when we are weak. When we are unable to pray, the Spirit prays within us, interceding to the God who understands our minds and hearts. There may be impediments that stunt our spiritual growth, but with faith our lives will become fruitful.

What are the weeds of dissension that have been sown in my home or community? Where have I seen "mustard seed faith in action?"

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!

Once again in today's Gospel from Matthew, we find Jesus using parables to teach about the Kingdom of Heaven. Through these parables, Jesus is trying to help his disciples (and that includes us!) more clearly understand what this Kingdom is, and how all of us might find a place in it. In the parable about the wheat and weeds, Jesus is the sower of the good seeds, the field is both the people and the world in which we live, the good seeds are people who try to live the way that Jesus taught (that is, the way God wants us to), and the "weeds" are those people who have turned away from God. The parable of the tiny mustard seed growing into "the largest of plants" and the one about the small mount of yeast that causes the whole batch of bread to rise, reminds us that there is a great deal of power in very small things!

Where have you seen or experienced "mustard seed faith?" (That is, describe a time when something very small had a really significant impact). What are some of the small things that you do — or can do—to share God's love and help make the world a better place?

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. Some surprises are in the offing?????

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

| | each week | YTD |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| Sac. Giv. needed | 5,669.99 | 11,339.98 |
| Sac Giv.(7/13) | 3,340.00 | 10,009.00 |
| (after 2 week) | - 2,329.99 | - 1,330.98 |

We need an average of \$5,669.99 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

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 20 (today) 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.

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.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

NORTHWEST FAMILY SERVICES: Natural Family Planning—a new series will begin Thurs. July 24 at Providence Portland Medical Center. For information or to register call 503 215 6377.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: Last Friday of every month the Knights of Columbus host a family friendly Bingo Night. This month it is July 25, from 7-9 pm in the cafeteria at St. John the Baptist in Milwaukie. Cost \$1 for 3 cards each game. Food and drink available. Information call Larry 503 653 7327.