

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PORTLAND



Calendar

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today **Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.** (1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 Ps 119 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52)

Sunday Hospitality In The Word (SCC)

Mon: **Communion Ser 8 a.m.** (Jer13:1-11 Ps Dt 32 Mt 13:31-35)
Altar Society crafts 10 am gym

Tue **Mass 8 a.m.** (Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79 1 Jn 4:7-16 Jn 11:19-27)
Holy Hour 8:30 am

Wed. **Mass 8 a.m.** (Jer 15:10,16-21 Ps 59 Mt 13:44-46)
Staff mtg. 9 a.m. PC
AA mtg.- Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. **Mass 8 a.m.** (Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146 Mt 13:47-53)
Share the Word- 8:45 am PC

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

Fri **Mass 8 a.m.** (Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69 Mt 13:54-58)
AA mtg.. 7:30 p.m. Rm 15b

Sat. **No morning mass** (Jer 26:11-16, 24Ps 69 Mt 14:1-12)
St. Vincent dePaul St. Charles Pantry open 11-1pm
Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Next Sunday: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses at 8:30 and 11 am (Is 55:1-3 Ps145 Rom 8:35,37-39 Mt 14:13-21)

Sunday Hospitality: St. Vincent dePaul Ministry
New Orleans presentation 9:45 and 12:15 PC

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 & Linda Pashley, Bobby Berstler, Robert Jones, Mike Bennison, Joan Brunneau, Chris Ficker, Ralph Turner and Margaret Retz.

Please pray for these parishioners.

THANKS: One of our budget cuts for this coming year was to eliminate the salaried position for a gardener so we are depending on volunteers to keep up our grounds. We thank Len Brooks and the Mapapalangi family for their volunteer efforts this summer.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

July 29- Mike Bennison, ill
July 20- Msgr. Taaffe, deceased
July 31- Jake Hunegar, deceased
Aug 1- Theresa Nguyen, ill
Aug 2- Jim Walter, deceased
Aug 3- St. Charles parishioners (8:30 am)
Aug 3- Hal Smith deceased (11 a.m.)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: to Dan and Kirsten Hays who were married 10 years ago on July 25 and to John and Jean Rischiotto celebrating their 25th wedding Anniversary this month.

YES YOU CAN HELP— Jeff Trump, our maintenance staff person, is coordinating a paint crew to paint our two main bathrooms September 13, beginning at 9 a.m. Watch for sign up sheets coming soon.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the past week the St. Charles Conference of the St. VdePaul made 7 food calls, and 7 families helped on Saturday for a total of 40 people helped. With the school year fast approaching, please donate school supplies if you can.

Thank you for your support!

DEAR PARISH FAMIY. The Archdiocese usually audits parish records and financial procedures when a new pastor begins and so this is somewhat delayed, but our audit is being completed this week, and we will receive a report soon. We will give you a summary of last year's finances (July 1, 2007– June 30, 2008) in the bulletin next week and usual complete financial report in the early fall.

We will all be making a pledge to this year's budget goals the first weekend of October. During these difficult economic times, let us pray for one another that we find this challenge an opportunity to grow in our trust of God and in appreciation of all we have. We continue to make God #1 and give God thanks and praise by generously sharing our time, our treasure, and our talents with our sisters and brothers.

Please read about our parish youth ministry elsewhere in the bulletin, and keep our middle and high school youth needs in your prayers. It is difficult for a parish our size to come up with a competitive salary even part time and most youth ministers want full time employment.

God wants to give us the gift of Wisdom the scriptures remind us this weekend, but we need to ask God and we need to listen to God. Fear can paralyze us. Acting on our own without the Spirit guiding us can be disastrous. My first prayer as I get up each morning is asking God to help me see what is best for the day and I ask the Lord to give me strength to do that.

Blessings upon your summer days and may you have a save peace-filled August.

Peace to you FR. JOHN

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!

LIBRARY: Nourish your Spirit these summer days! The parish library is on the south side of the Parish Center and it's been updated with many new books. The check out book is very convenient— so enjoy!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Do you know of someone who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith and perhaps becoming a Catholic? You can encourage them and invite them to join the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) process that begins in our parish in the fall. Anyone interested in RCIA may contact the parish office for more information or Carlene Suminski (503 284-3060).

"WELCOME HOME CATHOLICS" We'll begin 6 sessions for people who would like to return to the Catholic Church in the fall. Feel free to encourage family members and friends to "come home" to the Catholic Church. If you would like the joy and privilege of being a sponsor for a returning Catholic, let Fr. John know. You may refer anyone who is interested in being an active Catholic again to Fr. John. Let's welcome folks "home."

JULY 27, 2008

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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King Solomon had the opportunity to ask God for anything he wanted. Solomon was young and inexperienced. How could he rule so that the people would lead moral and ethical lives? Solomon knew that what he needed was a wise and understanding heart to judge God's people. Because Solomon didn't ask for power, wealth, or even a long life, he already had the gift he prayed for — wisdom.

Jesus said that God's reign is like a buried treasure. Once you discover it, you are willing to sacrifice everything to obtain it. But this pearl of great price is often found in the midst of cheap imitations. We need the wisdom to discard what is useless and keep what has supreme value. Paul had such wisdom. He knew that all things work together for the good of those God called to love and serve God's people.

Do I pray for God's wisdom to guide all my actions? Do I seek God's reign above all else?

ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN: As you probably know, the nursery during the 11 a.m. mass is closed for the summer. We haven't met with families who may benefit from this ministry for quite some time and would like to gather for a short meeting Sunday Aug. 10 after the 11 a.m. mass in room 15b to determine your needs and how we can better support your growing families. Childcare will be provided.

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!

We continue to hear parables in today's Gospel passage. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a "treasure buried in a field" and to a "pearl of great price." Those who find them, like those who find faith in Jesus, are overjoyed and go to great efforts to hang onto what they have found. In all of Jesus' parables we find lessons about how to live our lives as good disciples. We learn to hold onto the promise of eternal life as we would a treasure we find buried in a field, and to protect our faith as we would a pearl of great price.

What is the most important thing in your life? How do you keep it safe? Are you 'overjoyed' by this treasure or do you take it for granted? Say a silent "Thank You" for the things you most value in your life.

NEW ORLEANS PRESENTATION: The crew from the service trip to New Orleans will present pictures from their trip next Sunday, August 3rd after both masses in the parish center. Come hear the stories and see why these volunteers were inspired and have become Ambassadors for St. Gabriel Parish in the Upper Ninth Ward.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE: We did not find a youth minister at the salary we could offer so that is a disappointment; but, Youth Ministry at St. Charles is going to thrive and move forward. Our Youth Ministry Core Team is making plans so stay tuned. We are looking for a part time salaried "point person" from the parish who would act as a Coordinator for our Faith Formation, Community Service, Parish Ministry participation, and social events efforts for both high school and middle school. If you would like to apply, please contact Fr. John or Joan Winchester. Also, if you are interested in being part of the Core Team let us know. The next meeting is August 5, 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,700.00	17,100.00
Sac Giv.(7/20)	4,488.00	14,497.00
(after 3 week) -	1,212.00	- 2,603.00

We need an average of \$5,700.00 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 \$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

HOUSE MEETINGS: Sign ups for house meetings with Fr. John will begin this weekend. These gatherings are a follow up to last summer's meetings and will include a time to review the issues that were presented then, as well as share your hopes for the parish in the future. Whether you participated last year or not, please consider attending one of these casual, yet worthwhile sessions with Fr. John and fellow parishioners.

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 Oxbow 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 day.

Registration forms are out beginning today. 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 have a "pancake man" who makes special pancakes for the kids too. Keep watching the bulletin for more details.

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.

PERFECTIONISM is a sure way to close off the future and prevent the world and our lives from ever becoming new. (John Haught)

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND: Archbishop's Golf Invitational to raise funds for Archdiocesan seminarians. Sept. 15, 2008 at Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon. Golfers from around the archdiocese are invited to put together one or more foursomes to represent their parish and/or Catholic School. For information visit www.archdpdx.org or call 503 233 8336.