

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today: **MASSES 8:30 AND 11 A.M.** (Acts 1:1-11 Ps. 47 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20)

Sunday Hospitality Baptism Ministry
First Communion 11 a.m. mass
NO Liturgy of the Word for Children
Confirmation party—12:15 p.m. youth room
Glad Days Registration after 11 a.m. mass
Tickets available for New Orleans Fundraiser

Mon: **Communion Service 8:00 a.m.** (Acts 19; 1-8 Ps 68 Jn 16:29-33)
Altar Society Crafts 10 a.m.

Tue **Communion Service 8:00 a.m.** (Acts 20: 17-27 Ps, 68 Jn 17:10-11a)
Holy Hour— 8:30 a.m.
St. Andrew staff retreat 9-1:30 PC
Staff mtg. 1:30 p.m. PC
High School Youth Core team mtg. 7 p.m. PC

Wed. **Mass at 8 a.m.** (Acts 20:28-38 Ps. 68 Jn 17:11b-19)
Neighborhood Dialogue 5-7 p.m. PC/Rm 2
AA mtg.— Rm 15b 7:30 pm

Thurs. **Communion Service 8 a.m.** (Acts 22:30;23,6-11 Ps 16 Jn 17:20-26)
Share the Word— 8:45 am PC
Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC
Diversity training planning mtg. 7-8:30 pm PC
set up

Fri **Mass at 8 a.m.** (Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103 Jn 21:15-19)
AA mtg. Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Sat. **No morning mass** (Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11 Jn 21:20-25)
St. Vincent dePaul St. Charles Pantry open— 11 am—1 pm
Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Next Sunday: **PENTECOST** (Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23)

Mother's Day

One Mass only at 10 a.m.

Breakfast served by Knights of Columbus
Catholic Home Mission collection
No Sunday Hospitality

* indicates outside of church

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Austin Schulz, Ada Newsom, Rosemarie Wolf, Jennifer Norman, Cecilia Benson, Florence Dressler, Joe Brandes, Elizabeth Gant, Bernard Mudiama, Ilene Chambers, Victoria Thomas, Lisa Garcia, Eufemio Duran father of Dado Duran, Ken Rose brother of Lynda Wilson and Pat Kern.

Birth: Joseph Gaddis Hays 9#10oz. 20 3/4 " long

Death: Lisa Kuss, daughter in law of Victor Kuss and Joyce Rose, sister of Lynda Wilson

Please pray for these parishioners.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY: Our UP student nurse, Jeanette Garay, has completed her community health experience here at St. Charles. Jeanette has a previous degree in Art History and Classical Civilization, which accounts for her historical slant on the walking program poster. Although originally from California, she now calls Milwaukie home. She is married (Greg) and has a 9 year old daughter (Emily). Jeanette will complete her nursing course work at UP this December.

So far we have 42 assessment forms turned in. We thank those who have completed the form and are still accepting/hoping for more to be completed. Further prizes have been received. More forms are available in the back of church or in the parish office.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the past week (4/20-4/27) the St. Charles Conference of the St. VdePaul made 15 food calls, 2 rent calls and 3 utility calls and 9 families helped at our Saturday pantry with food and clothing for a total of 74 people helped.

In our food room we need cooking oil, corn flour and canned fruit, toothpaste, laundry and dish soap. We also need sheets, all sizes, infant clothes and socks for all ages. Thank you for your support.

DEAR PARISH FAMILY: Thank you to all who made our celebration of Confirmation very special last Monday— and that is a lot of different persons—parents and families, sponsors, our parish family, Confirmation preparation team, singers, musicians, Liturgy Ministers and, of course, Bishop Steiner. We are very proud of each of our youth and adults confirmed and we pray that the Holy Spirit will be their peace and joy and that they will share the gifts of the Spirit with generous hearts. Congratulations to our First Communicants and their families this week. God is truly blessing us as we celebrate Spring and God's love for us.

The Ascension, traditionally celebrated 40 days after Easter, is now transferred to the nearest Sunday and so that is the feast of this weekend. With the Ascension, Jesus says, "Goodbye." In old English that means "God be with you." Truly God is with us through the Spirit of Jesus and we celebrate Pentecost next weekend. "Go therefore and make Disciples" are not just Jesus' words to the apostles but to each of us. Day in and day out we are called to share our faith and "sometimes to use words" as St. Francis DeSales said.

All of us know formerly active Catholics. They need our good example and encouragement to "return home" to the Catholic Church. Sometimes people just need a listening ear and an invitation back. You can provide that! How welcome they would be at St. Charles and we will have a special group for returning Catholics next Fall called "Welcome Home Catholics."

Let us pray for one another and peace to you. Fr. JOHN

FIRST COMMUNION: Preparing for 1st Communion is a special time in a child's journey of faith. This year 7 beautiful children are preparing to share fully in the sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend. As a community, we can support these young people through our prayers and our welcome.

KADENE PALACIOS has a special white dress and veil to wear when she receives Jesus in her First Holy Communion. New to Portland and St. Charles Church, Kadene and her family have found a welcoming home here, as well as, a place to grow in their faith and understanding of God's love. This has been a year of sacraments for the Palacios family. K.C. has been attending faith formation classes in preparation for the sacrament of the Eucharist and her mother has been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. On April 28th Kadene, along with her younger brother, cousins and uncle watched Bishop Steiner confirm her mother in the Catholic faith and sealed her with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Baptized at San Vicente Church in Saipan, Kadene lives out God's call through her kindheartedness and helpful attitude. She expresses joy through music and loves to sing along with the radio. She is also learning to play the recorder.

At Irvington School Kadene enjoys reading, math, science and spelling. It is her inquisitive mind and curious nature that keeps her engaged in learning and enhances her academic achievement. A reader at heart, K.C. takes every opportunity to open a book and read for entertainment. Painting is another talent which she aspires with the hope of becoming a great artist.

Like most kids, Kadene loves to go to the park with her family and play on the equipment. When her mom has a day off work, going to Sushi Land for a delicious meal is a favorite tradition. According to K.C. the house special with tuna is the best.

Kadene celebrates this special day with a happy heart and a prayer for everyone to join together in keeping God's world safe, clean and beautiful. Keep this sweet girl in your prayers.

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Jesus often spoke of his final passage from this earth to the heavenly realm. After the resurrection, he tried to convince his followers of his new life. Over a course of 40 days, they saw him with their own eyes and touched him with their own hands, yet they still did not understand his meaning. Jesus told them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit. The church needs the wisdom and insight of the Spirit to know Christ clearly. We need to understand the great hope and glorious heritage to which we are called.

Jesus summons us and empowers us with the authority that was given to him. We must not stand and gaze into the heavens wondering what we are to do. We have been given a clear mandate: "Go! Make disciples of all peoples. Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit. Teach them to carry out my commands!" We must continue Jesus' work on earth, but we don't have to do it alone. We can have confidence that the Spirit will be with us.

***Do I appreciate the immeasurable scope of my calling?
How have I experienced the Spirit at work in me?***

LIVING THE RESURRECTION

Bad News to Good News:
"May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The God of glory,
Give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation
Resulting in knowledge of Christ"

SAVE THE DATE: Funeral planning workshop Saturday May 31, 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Parish Center. More information to come.

NEW ORLEANS FUNDRAISER: May 17 at St. Andrew. Jambalaya Dinner and Zydeco dancing. Tickets are for sale after the masses this week and next week.

Thank you for your generous donations of \$245 to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection last Dec. and to the 2008 Rice Bowl collection thru Catholic Relief Services of \$833.69. Thank you for being generous in the Catholic Charities Collection this next weekend. We have our own parish needs of course, and we also reach out for the needs of our larger church and world as well, to thank God for all the blessings we each have.

Vincentian Formation Training for all SVDP volunteers and those interested in being volunteers. Several parishes will join us here at St. Charles, May 17 with mass at 8:30 a.m. The gathering is until 12:30 p.m. and includes a FREE lunch. Contact Toni Schimming for more information and to register (tonischimming@msn.com. 503 287 1721)

HELP SAVE OUR PLANET! BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY! Power strips—turn off your power strips when they are not in use. The average American household continuously leaks about 50 watts of electricity. Eliminating that trickle would save \$1 billion a year in wasted electricity.

PENTECOST: is May 11 with one mass on Sunday at 10 a.m. This will be a Multicultural Mass.

Blessings and God's love to our children receiving their First Communion this weekend!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,712.00	251,328.00
Sac Giv. (4/27)	3,375.00	230,500.00
	- 2,337.00	- 20,828.00

(after 44 weeks)

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:

Jason Ostrow , Kyle Vidan, Travis McGrann, Phillip Ballard and Jacob DeHaan

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

May 6- Connie Morris, deceased
May 7- Mike Kelly, deceased
May 8- Diane Kuss
May 9- Dolores Babauta, ill and Estanislao Palacios, deceased
May 10- Vicki Nelson, deceased
May 11- Peace and Justice
St. Charles Parishioners

GLAD DAYS: Gear up for Glad Days! Children, parents, catechists and helpers: Glad Days Vacation Bible School fun takes place this year June 23-27, at St. Rose, from 9-noon. We are looking for adult and youth volunteers to assist with bible stories, music, crafts, and more. Please contact Toni Moore or Molly O'Harrow soon to let us know you can help. Sign up early to reserve a spot! Registration will take place after the 11am mass today.

Communion to our parishioners who are ill and homebound: If you would like to volunteer for this special ministry, give Polly Rennie a call at 503 284 7940. You'll receive training and you can bring Communion on your own schedule. The need is great.

RESPONSE TO LENTEN SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES: The following is a report on the evaluation of the Lenten SCC's:

- The objectives and expectations were met or exceeded, as was an influence in people's Lenten experience.
- Use of the Quest materials & the prospect of using them again was average. New groups felt this material was helpful, but people experienced in the small group process felt it was too structured.
- The focus on scripture was enjoyed by the majority who filled out the evaluation. They felt it prepared them for the Sunday liturgy. There is a desire to learn and grow in our Catholic faith.
- The other benefit was meeting & getting to know fellow parishioners. One person wrote, "It always helps me to be in a group of people who share my beliefs and encourage me to grow in my faith. I learn a lot from the insights of other people in my SCC."

From our Lenten SCC experience, two ongoing groups will meet beginning in May; these groups will meet twice a month. If you are interested in participating in a Small Church Community, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

**LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT
AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH!**