

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

CHRIST THE KING

Today **Masses at 8:30 and 11 am**
(Ez 34:34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46)

- FF classes
- Hospitality: Bereavement ministry
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Altar Society Sale
- Youth Immersion *
- Anointing of Sick
- Multi Cultural mtg. PC 12:15 pm

Mon: **Communion Service 8 am.** (Rv 14:1-3,4b-5 Ps 24 Lk 21:1-4)

- Altar Society crafts 10 am gym
- DePaul gym 9-11:30 am

Tue **Mass 8 a.m.** (Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96 Lk 21:5-11)

- Holy Hour 8:30 am

Wed **Mass 8 am** (Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98 Lk21:12-19)

- Share the Word-8:45 a.m. PC
- Communion to Sick- 9:45 a.m. PC
- AA mtg- Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. **Mass 10 am.** (Sir 50:22-24 Ps 138 1Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

- Office closed
- No ball



Fri **NO mass or communion ser-**

(Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2 Ps 84 Lk 21:29-33)

- Office closed
- Decorate for Advent 1 p.m.
- AA mtg.. 7:30 p.m. Rm 15b

Sat. **No morning mass** (Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95 Lk21:34-36)

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

Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.

Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Blessing of Advent Wreath

Next Sunday: **First Sunday of Advent**

(Is 63:16-17,19;64:2-7 Ps 80 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37)

- NO FF classes
- NO Liturgy of the Word for Children
- RCIA 9:45 a.m.
- NO C/R
- Blessing of Advent Wreath

* indicates outside of parish

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the first 2 weeks of November the St. Charles St. Vincent dePaul helped 60 families by providing food & house wares for a total of 193 adults & children helped.

We have a huge task ahead of us- this year we are planning on preparing & distributing 175 Christmas food boxes on Dec. 20th. We will need donations of whole chickens, hams and turkeys. Watch the grocery ads-please remember your St. Vincent dePaul pantry when you see "Holiday food items" on sale. Additional items needed in the pantry are: Hearty soups, box or bag cereal, juice, rice, laundry soap and personal care items-especially toilet paper.

Know that as you give your gift to St. Vincent dePaul to help the poor, you bring God's love to the poor through your generosity and donations. Thank you all for your continued support.

Interested in volunteering, please call Toni 503 287 1721.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: The next Intergenerational gathering will be **Saturday evening Dec. 6, following the 5 p.m. mass at about 6 p.m.** Our gathering will begin with a **potluck dinner.** (dessert and beverages will be provided) We will focus on the Spirit of St. Nicholas in our community by hearing stories of fellow parishioners who minister to the poor in various ways. We will make some things for the Christmas baskets delivered through our chapter of St. Vincent dePaul, and hear from St. Nicholas himself. This is sure to be a lovely Advent Evening. Please sign up at the main entrance of the church. **THERE WILL BE NO REGULAR FAITH FORMATION ON SUNDAY DEC. 7.**

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 and Mike Barrows.

Deaths: Mrs. Quincy Clytus, aunt of Lillian Whitlow; Delma Wright and Robert McEntee brother of Lois Downing.

Please pray for these parishioners.

CALLING ALL SENIORS: The St. Charles Annual Senior Luncheon is coming Dec. 3 at noon. We will usher in the Christmas Season with a visit by Santa. Come and be a part of the fun. We ask that you sign up in the north entry of the church, so the cooks know how much to fix. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE ALTAR SOCIETY: The Altar Society is having a raffle, a beautiful quilted blanket quilt. This will look great on the top of a bed, the couch, anywhere you would like to cover up and be warm. Also a large basket filled with wonderful goodies. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing for these items will be on Sunday Dec. 21 after the 11 am mass. Tickets will be on sale after the masses up until that time, or you may call the office and purchase tickets there

WE WILL BE DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH FROM 1-3 P.M. ALL HELP IS WELCOME AND APPRECIATED.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO BOB & GINGER O'HARROW
MARRIED FOR 55 YEARS THIS MONTH. Congratulations.

ATTENTION PARENTS: The office has received some concern from parishioners about the activity of children during hospitality. The issue was climbing on tables and on the poles of the volleyball net. For the safety of our children, and to respect the expensive church tables, please discourage this behavior. Thank you for your help in this matter.



HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING



NOVEMBER 23, 2008

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Israel maintained the belief that God alone was their king, yet they continually turned to earthly kings for leadership. They should have been mistrustful of human rulers who abused their power and exploited the people to benefit themselves. In contrast, King David was a "shepherd" to God's people. Like a shepherd, he cared for the flock and protected them from harm.

Jesus was not a king in the way we understand rulers, as those who levy taxes, raise armies, and subjugate their citizens, Jesus shepherded his people and led them on the right way. At the end of time, he will gather the people before God's judgment seat and separate "the sheep from the goats." This is a symbolic way of saying that Jesus will distinguish between those who did or did not do God's will. Unlike the commands of tyrants who ruled the world, Jesus' commands were not oppressive. He simply asked his people to care for the poor and suffering of the world. As faithful followers of our servant-king, we must join in his work to bring about his "kingdom of truth and life,...holiness and grace,...justice, love, and peace" (preface).

Is the role of king or servant more attractive to me? Do I help to prepare the way for Christ's coming into our world?

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 is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. Here we see Jesus as Christ the King sitting "upon his glorious throne" with "all the nations assembled before him." He will be judging between "sheep" and "goats", between nations and people who developed their gifts, talents, and abilities and used them to build the kingdom of God and those who did not.

What are some examples that Jesus mentions of ways people can help to prepare for Jesus' coming? What are some things you, personally, can do to prepare for Jesus' coming? What are some things you as a family can do to prepare for Jesus' coming? Look at the examples in the Bible story for hints.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: sponsoring Leonardo DeFilippis Play and Dinner at St. Charles Dec. 13th—dinner at 6, performance at 7:30 pm "The Gospel of John" . Dessert & coffee following. Donation \$35 adults; \$15 under age 16; (age 10 and under free) Information contact Steve Purves 503 639 4840. This is to benefit Precious Children of Portland.

MULTI CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS:

VIETNAMESE FUNERAL RITUAL— A bell is rung in the village to announce a death. After the body is washed and clothed, neighbors and family come to pray for three days, after which is the funeral mass. At the cemetery there are prayers and family members and neighbors throw sand or other soils on top of the coffin. The family members wear a 'trip' a headdress for at least a month as a sign of mourning. Each succeeding year the family members join together on the date of the death to go to mass and pray for the one who has died.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,700.00	114,000.00
Sac Giv.(11/9)	3,474.00	85,073.00
(after 20 weeks)	- 2,226.00	- 28,927.00

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

For a daily prayer for peace in Iraq:

www.prayercentral.net

METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE FOR COMMON GOOD—SUSTAINABILITY ASSEMBLY—DEC 4 AT ST. ANDREW PARISH 7 P.M.

As you may have heard, MACG is working with the Energy Trust of Oregon and the City of Portland on a project to provide energy audits and the required work to complete the repairs to help realize the cost savings to home and business owners. An assembly will be held on the above date to provide more information and to celebrate the commitments our leaders have realized thus far. St. Charles has pledged to bring 20 parishioners to this assembly. Please sign up at the main entrance.

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES: Recently, the leaders from Small Church Communities that began meeting last Winter were contacted to see if they would like to gather twice a month for prayer, reflection and community building. 2 groups will be starting up soon. If you are interested in being part of a group, please contact the parish office 503 281 6461.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY: 58th Annual Christmas Tradition—The Christmas Chorale—Dec 5 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 6 7 pm; Dec 7 3:30 p.m. At St. Michael's Lutheran Church 6700 NE 27th Ave. Free admission. Donations accepted. Information 503 280 8641.

MT. ANGEL ABBEY: Advent Retreat—Dec 5-7 Cost \$148 single, \$120 double occupancy per person. \$35 deposit per person required to confirm retreat or Dec 12-14 "A Journey with Mary" same cost.

Senior Citizen Advent Day of Reflection— Dec. 9, 8 am-3:30 pm "Waiting in Joyful Hope" Cost \$25 per person. Contact Karen Loftus 503 845 3025 for any of these retreats.

THE GROTO: 21st Annual Festival of Lights—Nov 28-Dec 30. 5-9:30 p.m. (closed Christmas Day) Admission Adults \$7.50 children 3-12 \$3.00. NE 85th and Sandy Blvd. Please bring canned or dry baby food for Snow-CAP.

SISTERS OF ST. MARY-BEAVERTON: Appreciative Living Presentation Dec 6 from 9 am-2:30 pm "Look at your cup as 1/2 full rather than 1/2 empty" Cost \$20 includes lunch.

God Still Calls— If you think God might be calling you to a vocation as a Sister consider a "Weekend with the Sisters" Dec 5-7. Information on either of these upcoming events call 503 906 1131.