

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today **Masses at 8:30 and 11 am**
 (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

Mon: **Communion Service 8 am.** (Is 2:1-5 Ps 122 Mt 8:5-11)
 Altar Society crafts 10 am gym
 Staff mtg. 1 p.m.
 CYO gym 3:30-8:30 pm

Tue **Mass 8 a.m.** (Is 11:1-10 Ps 72 Lk 10:21-24)
 Holy Hour 8:30 am
 Youth Core Team mtg. 7 pm PC
 MACG Health Care mtg. 7 pm *
 CYO gym 3:30-8:30 pm

Wed **Mass 8 am** (Is 25:6-10a Ps 23 Mt 15:29-37)
 Senior Luncheon- noon gym
 Pastoral Council mtg.-7 pm PC
 CYO 3:30-8:30 pm gym
 AA mtg- Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. **Mass 8 am.** (Is 26:1-6 Ps 118 Mt 7:21,24-27)
 Share the Word 8:45 a.m. PC
 Communion to the Sick-9:45 a.m. PC
 Girl Scouts- 4-5 pm rm 2
 MACG sustainability assembly 7 pm *
 CYO 3:30-8:30 pm gym

Fri **Mass 8 am** (Is 29:17-24 Ps 27 Mt 9:27-31)
 DePaul gym 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 AA mtg.. 7:30 p.m. Rm 15b
 CYO- 5:30-8:30 pm gym

Sat. **No morning mass**
 (Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8)
 St. Vincent dePaul St. Charles Pantry open 11-1pm
Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass 5 p.m.
 St. Nicholas Advent Faithful Generations Potluck- 6 pm
 Stories from the Hearth 10-2 gym (Shining Star)

Next Sunday: **2nd Sunday of Advent**
 (Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8)
 NO FF
 RCIA 9:45 a.m. PC
 Liturgy of the Word Children- 11 a.m.
 Hospitality Baptism Ministry
 Youth using the kitchen

* indicates meeting away from parish

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.

Envelopes for the Christmas flower collection are in this bulletin. Please give, if you can, and put the envelopes in next week's collection basket. Thank you for anything you can do.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: During the past week the St. Charles St. Vincent dePaul helped 42 families by providing food & house wares for a total of 198 adults & children helped. We at St. Vincent dePaul are very thankful to the St. Charles and Word of Life communities for all that we receive. Now that Thanksgiving is over, we are planning on preparing 175 Christmas food boxes Dec. 20th. We want to make 300 goodie bags to put in the food boxes. Please contact Jeanne Allen, Ginger O'Harrow or Jo Martens to help. Also, now that the food drive is over with St. Rose, we need muscles to pick up about 2000 lbs. of food from St. Rose and bring it to St. Charles. Please contact Bob O'Harrow if you can help with that. We will need donations of whole chickens, hams and turkeys and all the fixings. Additional items needed in the pantry are: Hearty soups, box or bag cereal, juice, rice, laundry soap and personal care items-especially toilet paper.

Interested in volunteering, please call Toni 503 287 1721.

Thank you for your continued support. Know that your gifts to St. Vincent dePaul bring God's love to the poor of our community.
 tonischimming@msn.com

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, Toni Baker and Mike Barrows.

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.

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS: Please note a mistake in last week's bulletin. The tickets for this year's raffle are **\$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5.** The winner will be able to choose either the basket, or the quilt. The basket is a gigantic beautiful basket filled with all kinds of flavors of gourmet coffee, coffee pot, Starbucks gift certificate and much more. If you love coffee, this is a prize not to be beaten. The quilt is pink and black in design. After this weekend we will be selling tickets after the masses, so be sure to check it out.



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When we face misfortunes in our lives, we sometimes blame God for our troubles: "You are our Father — why did you allow us to wander from your ways?" The problem is not God's faithlessness. It is our own infidelity to God, who longs to guide us as a shepherd leads his flock. "Lord, let us turn to you. Show us your face and we shall be saved."

Paul is faithful witness to God's loving-kindness. In gratitude, he thanks God for the favors bestowed on us. He prays that we will recognize that we are the work of God's hands. When we do, the work of our hands will be as beautiful.

Jesus compares himself to a master who has gone on a journey and left his servants in charge of the household. They are warned to be constantly vigilant, keeping watch at the gate of the house he built. If we stay awake, we will be ready to greet him when he comes again.

**Am I keeping careful watch over my household?
Am I using God's gifts to advance God's reign?**

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 begin the new liturgical year on a note similar to the end of the liturgical year last week- "Be watchful! Be alert." Once again, we are urged to be prepared for the coming of the Lord. At this time of year, we are usually thinking of the infant Jesus coming at Christmas. But Jesus comes into our lives every day, too. And Jesus will come again at the end of time. During Advent we prepare and watch and wait for Jesus to come in all three ways.

In the Gospel parable, a man leaves his servants in charge of his home, each one with work to do. What is your work or job? What can you do so that your "work" helps prepare the world for the coming of Christ? (Hint: this might have something to do with your attitude when you are doing your job).

Jesus comes in surprising ways. As a family, make an Advent wreath with 4 candles. As you make the wreath, talk together about what you see that needs to be done to prepare for the coming of Jesus in your home, at your church, in your school, at work, in the world. Talk about and then choose one thing you can do together to make the world better for Jesus. The first week, as you light one candle pray together. "COME LORD JESUS."

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,700.00	119,700.00
Sac Giv.(11/23)	3,224.00	88,296.00
(after 21 weeks) -	2,476.00	- 31,404.00

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, AJ Asche

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.

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.

ADVENT OUTREACH: Each year Faith Formation sponsors an outreach during Advent. This year we will focus on two areas that serve the needy in our community. 1st-St. Vincent dePaul Society, which is serving many people during this economic crisis. Each week we are asking for specific items that are in high demand in our pantry. These items will be brought up during the offertory at mass. **As announced at mass last weekend for today was holiday food items, turkeys, chickens, hams pie shells, stuffing cranberry sauce, yams, canned beans etc. You can still bring these items on Dec 7 also but Toys for the children are the requested items.** We will also collect gently used coats, blankets and new socks for the Soup Under the Bridge Ministry, which serves the homeless. These items may be placed in the box outside the parish office.

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

PART TIME COACHING POSITION: Ski Team conditioning coach—For more information please contact George Bengtson 503 331 7628 or email gwbengtson@bmcllp.net.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH: 1st Wednesday, Morning of Prayer, Reflection and Eucharist "Advent: The Journey to Bethlehem" Dec 3, 9:30-noon. 3220 SE 43rd Ave. Information 503 777 1491 x237.

JESUIT HIGH: placement test for 8th graders Dec. 12 at 4:30 pm or Dec 13 9 am \$20 fee for the test.