

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



Calendar

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today: **MASSES 8:30 AND 11 AM.**

Sunday Hospitality Multi Cultural Ministry
Nursery open
Baptism 11 a.m. mass
Faith Formation Registration
Nathan Thomas fundraiser
MACG training 12:30 p.m.

Mon: **NO Communion Service**

Altar Society crafts 10 am gym
Shining Star Gym 1:10-1:25 pm
Carpets are being cleaned

Tue **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Holy Hour 8:30-9:30 am.
Depaul gym- 9:35-10:25 a.m. 12:40-1:30 pm
Shining Star gym 10:45-noon
RCIA team mtg* 7 pm
gym in use- 7-9 p.m.
Carpets are being cleaned

Wed. **Communion Service at 8 am**

Staff check in. 9:00 a.m. PC
Shining Star- gym 1-1:30 pm
AA mtg.- Rm 15b 6:30 pm.

Thurs. **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Share the Word 8:45 a.m.
Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m.
Shining Star- gym 1-1:30 pm
Depaul- gym 1:35-2:25 pm
MACG Organizing team mtg. * 7 pm
Caregiver workshop 1:30 pm PC
Spaghetti Dinner mtg. 7 pm PC

Fri. **Mass at 8 a.m.**

Depaul 9:30-10:30 am & 10:40-11:30 am
AA mtg. Rm 15b 6:30 p.m.

Sat. **NO morning mass**

Liturgy Ministry mtg. 9 a.m. PC
Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass 5 p.m.

Next Sunday

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
MASSES 8:30 and 11 A.M.

Sunday Hospitality (c/r) Small Church Group- Charis
Nursery open
Confirmation information mtg. 12:15 pm PC
Sacramental Prep parents mtg. 10 am PC

* indicates meeting away from St. Charles

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mon Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

Tue Ezr 6:7-8,12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21

Wed Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

Thur Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22

Sat Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Jn 1:47-51

NEXT SUNDAY: 26h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:

During the week of Sept 10-14 the St. Charles Conference of the St. Vincent dePaul Society made 12 food calls, and 2 utility calls for a total of 59 people helped.

Please note our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is October 10, at 7:00 p.m. We need all kinds of cooking utensils. We have families who have to find places to live and need many supplies—Thank you all for the school supplies and all the help you give us—Congratulations to Dean Suminski who was recognized and honored at the St. Vincent dePaul mass and banquet for his 27 years of service to the poor for our St. Charles ministry. Good job Dean!

FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Parish Family:

"We live our lives forward, but we understand them backwards," says Kierkegaard.

The Scriptures this weekend invite us to reflect on our stewardship of the gifts God gives us, the sharing of our time, our treasure, and our talents for the good of others and the building up of the kingdom of God. Thank you for the generosity of everyone here at St. Charles as we begin the fall season! How is God inviting us to be more generous?

Thanks to the ministries who are so enthusiastically putting together a theme basket for the "We are Family" annual Spaghetti dinner November 4th! Of course, if you belong to more than one ministry, you need only participate in one basket effort. You'll love what the staff has come up with!

Blessings to you and Peace,

Fr. JOHN

Join others in prayer for Peace in Iraq: Daily prayers sent by email: prayercentral.net/baghdad/

PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sick: Enid Ritter, Bernadette Gruhler, Peggy Chilton, Jill Barrow-cliff, Betty Welch, Irene Keller, Isabelle Baumchen, Eileen Chambers, Conchita Campoy, Steve Brown, Gary Auzier, Bert Benson, Cookie Jensen, Lorena Campoy, Kathy Hyatt, Sea Falepalangi, cousin of Rose & Tony Mapapalangi, Beth Pitts and Wade Brown uncle of BJ FinleyBranch

Please pray for these parishioners.

JOIN THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND,

in a "solar cooker project". These cookers are needed in the refugee camps in Chad where over 200,000 Darfur people struggle to survive. The cookers provide the refugees with an alternative way to cook by harnessing the energy of the sun and thereby cut the need for firewood (which is dangerous to gather and very sparse). For only \$30, 2 solar cookers can be provided to a family of five to seven. **You may send a check made out to St. Charles Parish marked "Cooker Project" by September 30.** Thank you for considering this need!

Fruit of the Holy Spirit for the month of September

Goodness

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord

SEPTEMBER 23, 2007
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The prophet Amos rebuked the wealthy and greedy merchants of his day who profited from their exploitation of the poor. He chastised them for failing to see their neighbors as their brothers and sisters and for using them for their own purpose. Paul begged the church to offer petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving in every time and place, especially for those in authority who had the power to change unjust practices.

Jesus taught his disciples a lesson on rendering a just account of their stewardship. In the story, a wealthy man asked his manager, who had mismanaged his master's goods, to give an account of his service. The crafty steward devised a scheme whereby he canceled his own commission, thus reducing the amount owed by the debtor. Jesus didn't justify the dishonest man's practice. Yet he praised him for his resourcefulness when faced with a crisis. Jesus lamented that his followers failed to devote as much energy to God's eternal kingdom as people gave to worldly concerns. Only when we act justly can we offer prayer "with blameless hands held aloft" and be free from materialism and greed.

In what ways do I work for peace by working for justice? Are the world's leaders held in my prayers?

FAMILY FAITH SHARING: We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children and family. Start talking. Share your faith!

In this passage from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the parable of a dishonest manager (unjust steward) who was clever at promoting his own welfare. Jesus used this parable to show his disciples that they needed to be clever when they witnessed their faith and talked about Jesus. He is not telling his disciples to be dishonest (like the manager in the story), but to be resourceful — that is, to think of clever and different ways to tell Jesus' story and live out their faith.

How can we be clever or resourceful in living and talking about our faith? What can we learn from this parable? How can we avoid taking advantage of others?

EMBER DAY: Archbishop John Vlazny has announced that Sept. 26, will be an Archdiocesan Ember Day. This Ember Day is intended for the healing of victims of child sexual abuse and their reconciliation with the church and community. Ember days are days of prayer and fasting. That means to eat one full meal; the other two meals that day should be less than the normal amount unless they are already at a minimum for good health. Eating between meals is not permitted; however, liquids including coffee, milk and fruit juices are allowed. This Ember Day is encouraged but not obligatory.

Providing Help, Creating Hope: Do you need individual, couple, or family counseling? Contact Family Northwest Catholic Counseling Center as an excellent confidential resource 503 253 0964 or www.nwcounseling.org

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK: Bellacure— restore your life-style— Arthritis relief begins with restoration —800 795 2070 —www.bellacure.com (new advertiser)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

| | each week | YTD |
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| Sac. Giv. needed | 6,954.89 | 76,503.79 |
| Sac Giv.(9/16) | 3,396.44 | 57,135.50 |
| Shortfall | -3,558.45 | - 26,323.18 |

(after 12 weeks)
Sacrificial Giving does not include rentals, fundraisers and other income— as actual cost of running the parish per week is \$9,623.63.

Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYER CORNER FOR FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN IRAQ OR OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICT:

Michelle Sterling, Daniel Neigel, Jason Ostrow , Kyle Vidan, Travis McGrann and Phillip Ballard

Mass intentions for this week:

- Sept. 25— John Headland— ill
- Sept 26- Communion Service
- Sept 27- Don Ball, deceased
- Sept 28- Joe and Nancy Gibbons— deceased

"BOOK OF INTENTIONS" at mass: Our Liturgy Ministry invites you to continue to write the names of persons you would like to have prayed for at Mass in the book on the stand in the back of the church and you can write your intentions as well (briefly). We'll bring the Book of Intentions to the Altar along with the gifts of bread and wine and our offertory collection and place the book on the altar. We'll be announcing the names of those bringing up the gifts and the Book of Intentions. Feel free to contact a greeter to volunteer for this before mass begins.

"SUNDAY HOSPITALITY" after the 8:30/11 am masses-

- As always everyone is invited!
- The suggested donation is \$.50 for each donut or roll and coffee or juice
- FREE refills of coffee or juice
- Enjoy the round tables, and the activity tables for our children
- For safety reasons we ask that parents not allow children to run in the gym
- Thanks to our various parish ministries for providing "Sunday Hospitality!"

IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH: 1st Wednesday of every month— Morning of Prayer, Reflection and Eucharist Oct 3, from 9:30—noon. Held in the Chapel at Loyola Jesuit Center 3220 SE 43rd Ave. Information 503 777 1491.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER: 6902 SE Lake Rd. Suite 300 Milwaukie, Or. —Prayer in the Celtic Tradition 7-9 pm— 8 part series beginning Sept 26.

Vocations to Religious Life- 7-8 pm beginning Sept 26
Medieval Mystics; Ancient Wisdom for Experiencing God Today beginning Sept 28, every 4th Friday 10 am-noon. Information on any of these programs call 503 794-8542.

ROSARY BOWL NW: Volcanoes Stadium-Keizer, Or. Oct. 6, doors open at noon program at 1 p.m. Bishop Kenneth Steiner will lead the Rosary.