

# ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PORTLAND



## Calendar

### TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Today **Masses 8:30 and 11 a.m.** (Nm21:4b-9 Ps 78 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17)  
 Fr. Bob Krueger presider  
 Sunday Hospitality school families: Olsen, Natalie White, and Barbara Wilson families  
 Faith Formation registration  
 Youth family picnic \* 12:15 pm

Mon: **Communion Service 8 am.** (1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Ps 40 Jn19:25-27)  
 Altar Society crafts 10 am gym  
 RCIA Information Night 7 pm—Parish Center

Tue **Mass 8 a.m.** (1 Cor12:12-14,27-31a Ps 100 Lk7:11-17)  
 Holy Hour 8:30 am  
 Baptism session 7 p.m. PC  
 Administrative Council mtg. 7 pm Parish Office

Wed Communion Service 8 am (1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33 Lk 7:31-35)  
 Vicariate mtg. 10 am \*  
 Altar Society mtg. 1 p.m. PC  
 AA mtg.—Rm 15b 7:30 p.m.

Thurs. **Mass 8 am** (1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118 Lk 7:36-50)  
 Share the Word—8:45 am PC  
 Communion to the Sick 9:45 a.m. PC

Fri **No mass or communion service.** (1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17 Lk 8:1-3)  
 AA mtg.. 7:30 p.m. Rm 15b

Sat. **No morning mass** (1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Ps 56 Lk 8:4-15)  
 St. Vincent dePaul St. Charles Pantry open 11-1pm  
**Reconciliation 4-4:30 p.m.**  
**Vigil Mass 5 p.m.**  
**Fr. Agnelo Gomes presider**  
 Blessing for Race for the Cure

Next Sunday: **TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Masses at 8:30 and 11 am** (Is 55:6-9 Ps 145 Phil 1:20c-24,27a Mt 20:1-16a)  
 Fr. Agnelo Gomes presider  
 Sunday Hospitality Pastoral Council members  
 Sacramental Prep parents mtg. 9:45 am PC  
 St. VdePaul collection  
 Race for the Cure  
 Prayer circle—10 am sacristy

\* indicates outside of parish

### PRAYERS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS

**Sick:** Bernadette Gruhler, Jill Barrowcliff, Betty Welch, Jennifer Norman, Ilene Chambers, Bill and Linda Pashley, Scott Brown, Joan Bruneau, Austen Schultz, Harold Klein and Chester, Theresa, and Anthony Miller .

**Death:** Dr. Tom Halpin

**Birth:** Morgan Thomas great granddaughter of Mary Weitzel

Please pray for these parishioners.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:** During the past week the St. Charles Conference of the St. VdePaul helped 17 families with food, clothing and school supplies, for a total of 60 people. Know that as you give your gift to help the poor, you bring God's love to them. Thank you for your support!  
 Interested in volunteering? Please call Toni Schimming 503 287-1721 or email her at [Tonischimming@msn.com](mailto:Tonischimming@msn.com)

**BIBLE STUDY:** We will be offering a bible study group beginning in October. The focus of this study will be the gospel of Mark, which we will hear at the Sunday liturgies beginning in Advent. The study will be four weeks beginning in October, 4 weeks in January, 4 weeks during Lent, and one session during the Easter Season. If there are enough participants, we will offer this study Monday Evenings and Tuesday mornings. Please let us know if you are interested by signing up at the Faith Formation Registration table or contact the parish office.

**FAITH FORMATION** (including 1st Communion preparation) begins Sept. 28. Sessions for children Kindergarten-8th grade take place most Sundays through April. Registration is this weekend or you may contact the parish office.

**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 Sr. Phyllis at 503 281 6461 or Carlene Suminski 503 284 3060

**ALL PARISH FORUM:** Sept. 28th 12:15-2:00 p.m. This important gathering will focus on the future of our church. What's important to you? Let us plan together for this year without a resident priest. Please plan to attend. Child care will be provided and light food will be served. We will meet in the gym.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (24TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME)

**EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:**

The people of Israel were hungry and thirsty on their long trek through the wilderness. Even though God provided water from a rock and fed them with bread "come down from heaven," they quickly forgot and began to complain. It took a calamity to make them realize how ungrateful they were. When they were bitten by venomous snakes, they turned to Moses and asked him to beg God for help. In answer to their plea, Moses did an odd thing. He fashioned a serpent from bronze and elevated it on a pole so that the people could look at the symbol of their affliction. Wounded by evil, the people were healed by grace.

We have all been "bitten by the serpent." We lose sight of God, the rock of our salvation. We no longer remember God's word, and we take for granted the bread of life that give us nourishment on our journeys. When we look at the cross, do we see shame and defeat or a sign of hope in our redemption? All who behold the cross in faith have the assurance that God sent Jesus to save us and not condemn us for our failure to remember.

*Do I wear the cross of salvation as a sign of my faith? Do I have a crucifix in my home to remind me of God's love?*

**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's reading is from John's Gospel and in it we learn that Jesus will be lifted up to Heaven, so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. This passage also tells us that God loved the world so much that He sent his only Son into the world in order to save it.

*Think about how much God loves you and the WHOLE world! How does that make you feel? How do you show your love for others? For creation — that is, for the world?*

**FAITHFUL GENERATIONS:** Oct. 12th, 12:15-2:30, beginning with lunch in the gym. This inter-generational Faith Formation will focus on Faithful Citizenship and will include a presentation by Cat Willett, Peace & Justice Director, Archdiocese.

**Theresa Willett Memorial Lecture:** September 22nd, 7:30 pm at All Saints Catholic Church. Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, will be the featured speaker. The topic will be "Faith Alive: Catholic Social Teaching, Spirituality and the 2008 Election.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT**

	each week	YTD
Sac. Giv. needed	5,700.00	57,000.00
Sac Giv. (9/7)	6,054.25	45,177.20
(after 10 weeks)	+354.25	-11,822.80

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 \$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:**

Phillip Ballard and Adam Winslow  
For a daily prayer for peace in Iraq:  
[www.prayercentral.net](http://www.prayercentral.net)

**ST. CHARLES ANNUAL PARISH BBQ:** The parish BBQ is now a thing of the past, until next year. **SPECIAL THANKS GO TO JEFF TRUMP AND HIS HELPERS- IT WAS ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS.**

**RACE FOR THE CURE:** Arrangements have been made for a special blessing for the St. Charlie's Angels and anyone else from St. Charles participating in the Race for the Cure. It will be at the 5 pm mass on Saturday, Sept. 20th.

**IN THE LARGER COMMUNITY:**

**FRANCISCAN SPIRITUAL CENTER** 6902 SE Lake Rd. Suite 300 Milwaukie. Bridges to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton Sept 9-Oct 14, Nov 11 & Dec 9 6:30-8:30 Cost \$60. To register call 503 794-8542. Women at the Well: Women of the Word starting Sept 11 and every 2nd Thursday 7-8:30 p.m. Cost Donation. To register call the above number.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES:** Although not a United Way Agency, you can support Catholic Charities through the United Way Campaign through your employer by designating us as your donor choice selection. Federal Government employees can contribute through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC code is 15119. Your contributions assist thousands of poor and vulnerable people in our communities each year.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE:** 9/24-11/2/08—Prayer, fasting, vigil & community outreach to promote the end to abortion. This pro-life campaign has been implemented in 130 cities. Learn more by contacting Nathaniel Alles at [ged85@CatholicExchange.com](mailto:ged85@CatholicExchange.com). See Bulletin board at main entrance of St. Charles for details.