

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2008

### Calendar

#### Monday - September 8

8:45 am Communion Service

#### Tuesday - September 9

8:45 am Communion Service

#### Wednesday - September 10

8:45 am Communion Service

6:30 pm Journey in Faith (Gym)

#### Thursday - September 11

8:45 am Communion Service

9:00 am Safe Environment Training

#### Friday - September 12

8:45 am Communion Service

6:00 pm Adoration begins

#### Saturday - September 13

5:00 pm Mass (Oberreuter Family)

6:00 pm Fall Festival

#### Sunday - September 14

8:00 am Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes  
Community)

9:30 am Mass (Mary Ellen Eckl+)

11:00 am Mass (Agnes Walsh+)

7:00 pm Men's Group (Gym)

7:00 pm St. Paul Study Group (Parish  
Lounge)

Please come and enjoy Breakfast served  
by the Knight's of Columbus after Mass.



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**HEED THE WARNING**—In answering God's call to be a prophet, Ezekiel took on a serious duty. Just as the watchman sounded a trumpet to warn the citizens of impending danger, so was it the prophet's responsibility to warn the people to repent. If the townsfolk ignored the watchman's trumpet and were taken by the enemy, the watchman was not to blame. Yet in the task of warning the people, the watchman was responsible for the welfare of the entire community. In the same way, the prophet only needed to deliver the message. What the listeners did upon receiving it was their own choice. Nevertheless, the prophet's responsibility to the community was clear. To shirk that duty would be a disservice to all. In Paul's letter to the Romans, he tells us to go beyond the letter of God's law to its heart, which is love. What the fourth through tenth commandments really challenge us to do is love our neighbor. As Paul points out and the gospel clarifies, we cannot do this passively or by

choosing not to get involved.

**A RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIAN**—Loving one another is not easy to do. There will always be those whose actions damage and disrupt the community and cause harm to the world at large. It is our responsibility to challenge those actions and shed the light of the gospel on them, but to do so in a loving way. In a culture where public sentiment can run strong, demonstrating such restraint and respect may feel like swimming upstream. Yet today's Gospel invites us not to condemn out of hand, but to engage in a dialogue with the offender that can result in conversion and change. To fail to do so is to shrink from our Christian responsibility. In the light of today's Gospel, what do you think could be the appropriate Christian responses to the many different actions of relatives, friends, fellow citizens, and government authorities in the past year?

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* **Fall Festival**—September 13th
- \* **Blood Drive**—September 27th
- \* **Pictorial Directory**—September 2008

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to announce to the parish that Anne Thomas, Pastoral Assistant to Parish Life and Outreach, has respectfully resigned her position at our parish. Anne was a staff member at Our Lady of Lourdes for six years, implementing and executing such programs as Children's Faith Formation, Children's Sacramental Preparation as well ministries to the homebound, community members in need, and charities. We thank Anne and her family for many years of dedication and hard work at our parish, and wish her for her future the very best and many blessings.

In the interim, please direct all Parish Life and Outreach concerns to Manice Zike, Assistant to Parish Life and Outreach, ext. 306.

## BUILD HOPE

The Build Hope collection will be taken up next week. Build Hope supports human development efforts for the poor and the use of modern communications to spread the Gospel message. Please take some time to read the information in the bulletin insert and consider responding generously to this valuable effort.

## ASSISTED SUICIDE INITIATIVE 1000

For more information to assist you in better understanding this issue, visit the Washington State Catholic Conference website at [www.thewsc.org](http://www.thewsc.org).

## OUR STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE

### Offertory Collection for August 30 & 31, 2008

Envelopes	\$15,980.00
Loose	\$433.00
Total	\$16,413.00
Budgeted Weekly Amount	\$12,183.00
<b>Other collections:</b>	
Children's Collection	\$72.10
Build Hope	\$10.00

*Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for Christian steward the answer is "Yes!" **Please note that we continue to have expenses throughout the year. If you are away on some weekends, try to keep your stewardship current.***

## FATHER ON VACATION

Father Michael is on vacation until September 13th. Communion Services will be held on Monday & Tuesday. Father O'Shea will be here Wednesday through Friday.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

Music ministry would like to invite everyone for worship and prayer night. This event will present worship songs with scripture readings. Please come and pray with us on September 27th at 7:30 pm in the church.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are inviting children who are in 2nd grade through 8th grade to join the Children's Choir. We will have rehearsal the 3rd Monday of every month beginning September 16th in the Music Room Portable and sing the following Sunday. This will also lead into preparation for Christmas Children's Choir. Please come and join us. Contact Jina Darnell at ext. 302 with any questions.

## LEAFLET ON CARS

It has been called to our attention, that after the August 30 and 31 Masses, leaflets printed from Catholic Answers Action were distributed to parishioners on car windshields. We are informing you that all parish communication is distributed via the parish website, bulletin or reader board, and sometimes personal letters. We did not approve of this distribution, nor did it come from our parish. If you know who distributed these flyers or are the person who did so, please contact Julie Hanley in our Parish Office for clarification and future approval of information to be posted. Thank you and we apologize for any aggravation this posting may have caused.

## JOURNEY IN FAITH

Join us for our new Adult Faith Formation class starting September 10th. Our first class is *My Soul Longs for You, O God: Why does man have a desire for God?* We will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Explore our faith together as we use the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* as the guidebook for our journey. Stop by the registration table after Mass this weekend to find out more information or you can e-mail [adult.ed@ollparish.org](mailto:adult.ed@ollparish.org). A calendar of class topics through mid-November will be available at the table. You may attend all the classes or attend just those classes with topics that intrigue you. If you'd like to reserve your copy of the catechism, please place your check of \$18 in the collection basket or bring it to the

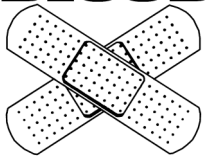
## HISTORY STUDY GROUP

The History Study Group will resume on Monday, September 8 at 9:30 am in the Pastoral Center Library. We will continue our study of the Orthodox Church. Questions can be addressed to Klaras Ihnken at 694-5608.

## HOSTS AND HOSTESSES

Hosts and hostesses are needed to help with the Pictorial Directory on September 18, 19, and 20. If you have an hour or two where you could welcome parishioners who are arriving at the Pastoral Center to have their pictures taken, please contact Manice at the Parish Life Office.

## BLOOD



## DRIVE

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## BLOOD DRIVE

Our semi-annual blood drive in memory of Eugenie Williams will be held on Saturday, September 27th, from 7:45 am to 12:45 pm. Appointments may be made next weekend after Masses in the hallway.

## Pray for ...

④Barbara Nelson-Jutila, Suzanne Larson, Elaine Moyer, Bill and Marykay Kalenius, Sheryl Simms, Catherine Munro, Greg Repman, Lisa Schmidt, Cheryl Beck, ③Sister Mary Leona, Minnie Carter, Mike Redd, Rita Ulrich, Hart and Cleo Eisenbeis, Jerry Brusseau, Catherine Leesman, Barbara Bocian, Linda Gorretta, Mary Vavrosky, Bernard Degrave, Kim Yum Sook, ②Ryan Patrick, Emmy White, Megan Wood, Kandy Thomas, Al Brady, David King, Donna Brooks, Genevieve Ahles, ①David King, Ramona Leon, Nick Hanson, Ed Doheny, Duane & Ellen McCune, Elija Amies, Linda Harms, and all those in need of our prayers. To keep requests for prayer current, names will be included for a month in the bulletin and then removed. Call 360-695-1366, ext. 306.

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## ST. PAUL FAITH STUDY

Come join us for great camaraderie, spiritual inspiration, and the bond of prayer. Our summer reading project is the recently published book **Come Be My Light**, a biographical compilation of letters and writings of Mother Teresa of Calcutta by Fr. Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.C. We meet 7 to 8:30 pm Sunday evenings in the Parish Lounge. September 14, the movie **Mother Teresa**. We begin our study of the New Testament letter to the Hebrews on October 12. For information, please contact Virginia at 576-1643 or Paul at 993-2424 or email: [faith@paul.opperman.net](mailto:faith@paul.opperman.net).

## CFF REGISTRATION

Our Sunday Children's Faith Formation program as well as Sacramental Preparation for all parish and school children begins on Sunday, October 5, at 9:15 am in the Parish Lounge. Registration forms are being mailed to all those families who have had children in our program in the past and who are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in our parish school. If you need an extra form, or are new to the parish, forms are available on the CFF bulletin board.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

All volunteers from our parish and school must attend the mandatory "Called to Protect for Ministers" training and have a cleared background check on file in the Parish Office. **Beginning June 1, 2008 any volunteer who does not have the necessary training and paperwork on file will not be able to volunteer until the requirements are met.** The following are training options in the Southern Deanery:

- \* Sept. 11, 8:45 am at Our Lady of Lourdes
- \* Sept. 13, 9 am at St. Joseph
- \* Sept. 14, 12:30 pm at St. Rose in Longview

Training can be taken at any parish in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Register today at: <http://www.seattle.setanet.org>.

# OLL Youth Ministry

If you aren't sure you are on the e-mail list, contact Karen at [k.burnham@ollparish.org](mailto:k.burnham@ollparish.org).

## Jr. High Youth Group Starting Up

The first official Jr. High Youth Group night will be Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Join us in the Pastoral Center from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm!

## Jr. High Hang Out Night

All you who are in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Pastoral Center! Just hanging out in the Disciples' Den playing games, laughing, and hanging out! Bring a snack to share!

## Quote of the Week for Youth

"A tranquil mind gives life to the body, but jealousy rots the bones."

—Proverbs 14:30

## CT4T

(Catholic Trivia for Teens)

### Last week's trivia question and answer:

*True or false.* The parish is the first place for education in prayer.

**Answer:** *False!* According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 2685, the Christian family is the first place of education in prayer. Based on the sacrament of marriage, the family is the "domestic church" where God's children learn to pray "as the Church" and to persevere in prayer. For young children in particular, daily family prayer is the first witness of the Church's living memory as awakened patiently by the Holy Spirit. How's *your* family prayer life?

**This week's question:** Can you name the book, chapter, and verse from which this comes: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life"?

**See next week's bulletin for the answer!**

## YOUTH FRIENDLY WEBSITES

[www.christianteens.net/](http://www.christianteens.net/)  
[www.youthwalk.org/](http://www.youthwalk.org/)  
[www.ilovejesus.com/](http://www.ilovejesus.com/)  
<http://romanticcatholic.com/>  
<http://disciplesnow.faithstreams.com/>

## Senior High:

### Sr. High Convention

Get it on your calendar! November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> is the 2008 Convention! The theme this year is "Get a Clue" and it's going to be awesome! Don't miss out... plan on attending with us!

### Sr. High Youth Group Starting Up

The first official Sr. High Youth Group night will be Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Join us in the Pastoral Center from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for fun, fellowship, faith and service!

### Confirmation Prep

Are you a junior or senior in high school this year? Do you want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation? Watch the bulletin and your e-mail for updates. Confirmation preparation classes will be held Sundays after 11:00 am Mass for several weeks. They provide an environment where you can learn more about your faith and guide you in moving toward receiving the sacrament. An information meeting will be held September 28 at 12:30 pm in the Pastoral Center. If you are not on the Senior High Youth Group e-mail list, please e-mail Karen at:

[k.burnham@ollparish.org](mailto:k.burnham@ollparish.org) to ensure that you'll be receiving the latest!

### Coming Up

September 7—Sr. High Hang Out Night  
September 9—Jr. High Hang Out Night  
September 28—Confirmation Information Meeting  
September 28—Sr. High Kick-off Night  
September 30—Jr. High Kick-off Night  
November 1-2—Sr. High Convention

### Prayer for Protection

O My God, I adore Thee and I love Thee with all my heart. I thank Thee for having created me, for having made me a Catholic and for having watched over me this day. Pardon me for the evil I have done this day; and if I have done any good, deign to accept it. Watch over me while I take my rest and deliver me from danger. May Thy grace be always with me. Amen.

# Opportunities

## MEN OF ST. SEBASTIAN

The Men of St. Sebastian gather to play basketball and discuss issues pertaining to men and how they relate to God and every day life. Interested men are invited to join them on Sundays from 7-9 pm in the gym.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Council holds monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office basement.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. Men interested in joining, please contact Grand Knight, Phil Marceau at 694-5662 or Deputy Grand Knight Paul Quimby at 693-6102.

## METROPOLITAN CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP

Metropolitan Catholic Fellowship is a Cathedral-based young adult ministry centered in Portland, Oregon, that is open to all young adults 18-39+. Their goal is to help connect Catholic young adults with each other, the Church, the community, and Christ through spiritual, social, and service events. Check out their web page, [www.mcfpdx.org](http://www.mcfpdx.org), for a list of current events.

## ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter of Oregon offers a weekend program for engaged couples preparing for marriage; including couples who want their marriage blessed. For registration and information, please contact Michael ♥ Nancy Fisher at 503-267-3605 or e-mail: [fishers042@comcast.net](mailto:fishers042@comcast.net).

## SAFEPLACE

Precious .. Beautiful... Helpless... Your baby is counting on you, and you don't know what to do. Don't panic. There is a Safe Place for your newborn. You don't even have to leave your name. Simply bring your unharmed newborn up to 3 days old to any Hospital or Fire Station. Tell any employee that you want to leave your baby with **Safe Place for Newborns**. For help call 1-877-440-baby or [www.safeplacefornewborns.com](http://www.safeplacefornewborns.com).

## FRIENDS OF HOSPICE LUNCHEON

All are welcome to Friends of Hospice Luncheon on September 17th. Festivities begin at 10:30 am at the Heathman Lodge. Tickets are \$45. For more information visit their website at: <http://www.friends-of-hospice.org>.

## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BENEFIT CONCERT

Featuring Singing Artist Moe Dixon on Sunday, September 28, 2008 at 4:00 pm at The Rusty Grape Vineyard, 16712 NE 219th Street, Battle Ground. Admission tickets are \$25.00 and include BBQ Dinner & Wine Tasting. Please RSVP (360) 887-8353, ext. 331 or visit [www.setonhigh.com/fundraising.pbp](http://www.setonhigh.com/fundraising.pbp).

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

- \* Winnette Holtz—Money Counting
- \* Clarice Craig, Mae Gomez, Geri Burke, Sue Miller—Bulk Mailing

## MOTHER JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery of Vancouver (formerly known as St. James Acre) has over 1500 spaces available for burial or cremation. To reserve a plot at current prices for you and/or your family, contact Dave Fuller at Hamilton-Mylan, 360-694-2537.

## CLASSES BEING HELD AT ST. JOSEPH

**Communication for Couples** - a new class to help couples build their communication skills through proven techniques that help spouses really hear each other and work out differences with less conflict, a critical component for relationship success. Course runs Tuesday nights 6:45-9:15 pm, October 15-November 12. Call or email Terri Gilbride, 360-696-4407, [terrig@stjoevan.org](mailto:terrig@stjoevan.org) to register. Cost is \$20 per couple if you register by September 26, \$40 per couple for those registering after September 26.

**Parenting with Love and Logic** - Practical ways to help your kids be more responsible, respectful, and cooperative. 6-week course runs Wednesday evenings, 6 to 7:15 pm, October 1 - November 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vancouver WA. Cost is \$25 per person, \$35 per couple. Call or email Terri Gilbride, 360-696-4407, [terrig@stjoevan.org](mailto:terrig@stjoevan.org) to register.

**Noah's Arc**, a support group for families of children with disabilities meets the 2nd Monday of every month at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Next meeting Monday, September 8, 7-9 pm Parish Hall. Contact Christian Spencer for information, 360-696-4407, [christians@stjoevan.org](mailto:christians@stjoevan.org).

