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Sunday Mass: 7:00pm
Weekday Mass: Noon
Liturgy of the Hours:
Weekdays: 9:15 am, 4:00pm
Adoration: Mondays 9:15-11:30 am

**Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
August 23, 2009

St. Paul's Vision Statement
St. Paul's Catholic Student Center is a Roman Catholic community serving Boise State University students and staff. Through worship, study, social activities, and service, St. Paul's works to provide for the spiritual growth and development of the complete person. "In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, love." - St. Augustine of Hippo.

This Evening's Readings



The readings for this evening are about stark choices. Joshua was the successor of Moses and was the leader of the Hebrew people at the time when they entered the Promised Land. The people, who had been traveling in the desert for forty years, were amazed at what they saw in the land of Canaan. They began imitating the ways of the people there including their religion. Joshua offers his people a choice between following the God who has brought them out of Egypt or following false gods. They couldn't do both.

In the reading from the sixth chapter of John's gospel, Jesus offers the same stark choice to his followers, and many of them "returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." We are called to make the choice between pretending to be a follower of Jesus or really turning our lives to God. It's a tough one. There is such a temptation to leave one foot on the worldly path, but being a Christian means jumping completely and without reservation into Jesus loving arms.

Daily Mass

Each weekday at noon here at St. Paul's we have Mass. We work hard to make sure that our service is finished by 12:30 so you can make it to a 12:40 class. The opportunity to reflect on the day's readings and to receive our Lord at Holy Communion really serves as an anchor. It helps to keep your day focused. We pray the rosary each day before Mass starting at 11:40 a.m. Join us, you'll be amazed at the difference it makes in your life.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Tuesday morning from 9:15 to 11:30 we pray before the Blessed Sacrament. It's a time of quiet. It's a time with Jesus. It's a time when we celebrate and honor the Real Presence of Jesus in our midst. Come and stay for as short or as long a time as you like.

Pizza and Sardines!

Come to our first party of the year this Friday (August 28) starting at 6 p.m. We'll have some pizza, meet some new people, then get to know our way around St. Paul's while we're playing Sardines! Please come. It's a lot of fun.



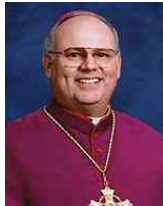
Read, comment, enjoy St. Paul's Blog at <http://stpaulsboise.blogspot.com/>

St. Paul's Fall Retreat

Join us in Idaho City for a weekend retreat September 25th through 27th. We'll leave Friday afternoon at 5:30 p.m. and return Sunday afternoon about 2 p.m. The focus of the retreat is interior conversion. Cost is \$35 which includes transportation, food, and lodging. We'll be staying at Camp Ivydale. Much of Saturday afternoon is set aside for play (or for homework if necessary). Come. Relax a little. Make some new friends. Deepen your faith. **Sign up now!**



Bishop Michael Driscoll Next Sunday



Our bishop, Michael Driscoll will be joining us for Mass next Sunday (August 30). As we usually do when Bishop Mike is here, we'll have a dinner after Mass both to welcome Bishop Driscoll and to welcome everyone to the new semester. Come and meet our bishop. He loves meeting and talking with college students.

Eucharistic Minister and Lector Training

We need people to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and as lectors at Mass. To serve as a lector, you must be a baptized Catholic who is willing to proclaim the readings for each Sunday (and to accept a little guidance in how to do that well). To serve as a Eucharistic Minister you must be a Catholic in good standing (able to receive Holy Communion) who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our first training of the year will be next Sunday (August 30) at 5:30 p.m. here at St. Paul's.



Capstone Missions Fund Raiser



Capstone Missions' annual Basque Dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening September 20. The organization supports orphanages in Tijuana and is the group that organizes our annual service trip to Tijuana. If you have made the trip before, you already know the kids who have a place to live, food to eat, and clothes to wear because of Capstones. St. Paul's will

provide the wait staff for the dinner. We'll need at least a dozen of us, probably more. Sign up with Joe or Chuck.

Find the latest news about St. Paul's happenings and lots more at <http://stpaulsboise.org>.

Diocesan Fall Conference

Each year the Roman Catholic Church in Idaho gathers for a time of sharing and education. The meeting features many national-level speakers, great music, and a chance to meet Catholics from all over the state. This year's conference is September 17-20 at the Boise Centre on the Grove. For a full schedule and registration form see www.fallconferenceidaho.org. There are special low rates for young adults. Very interesting and lots of fun.



Tijuana Mission Trip



Each year a group of St. Paul's students travels with Capstone Missions to work at orphanages and other facilities in Tijuana. Our trip for this year is scheduled for January 8 through 16. The cost is \$400 per person. This year for the first time you must have a valid passport in order to travel to Mexico. So if you are

hoping to go, 1) make sure you e-mail Chuck to get on the list and 2) start the process of getting a passport. Sometimes it takes several weeks for a passport to be issued, so you have to plan ahead. No one will be allowed on the trip without a passport.

Labor Day River Float

Plan to join us on Labor Day (Monday September 7) for our annual River Float and Barbecue. We'll meet here at St. Paul's at 1 p.m. and car pool up to Barber Park. Bring tubes, rafts, or money to rent the float device you have in mind. We'll pick everyone up at Ann Morrison Park as they get off the river and bring them here to St. Paul's for food and fun. Don't miss it.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



RCIA is the way that Catholics welcome new people into the Christian faith or into full communion as Catholics (for those who are members of another Christian denomination). It is also the process we use to prepare adult Catholics who are getting ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. (You need to have received the Sacrament of Confirmation to serve as a Eucharistic Minister or to be a godparent.) Our RCIA group here at St. Paul's will start meeting Thursday

September 14. If you would like to join the group or you know someone who would like to join, please contact Chuck.