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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-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

September 6, 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 dense with meaning. One message, or course, is that Jesus is God's love personified. He is the fulfillment of the prophesy God sent to the people through Isaiah. In Jesus, the blind see, the deaf hear, the mute not only speak, they sing. In addition, Mark notes that Jesus' cure of the deaf man who also has a speech impediment takes place in "the district of the Decapolis" which was a pagan area. That means that the man cured was most likely a pagan with no connection to the Hebrew people, a sign of God's love reaching not just to the chosen people but to all the world. Now even the mouths of the pagans are opened ("Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!") to proclaim God's faithfulness and love.

At our baptisms the priest or deacon used that same word. Touching our ears he said "Ephphatha!" and prayed that our ears would be open to hear the word of God and that our lips would soon be open to proclaim his love. We are the ones whom Jesus has cured and sent forth healthy and strong to bring the world to God.

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.

Hospice Ministry

One of the ministries at St. Paul's is our ministry to the dying. Working with Accent Hospice Care we visit dying patients reading to them, talking with them, or just keeping them company. Sometimes our presence allows a 24X7 care giver to get a few minutes of or run an errand they might not have been able to run. It takes some training and requires a background check, but our people who have done it have loved it. Contact Bruce DeVino (bjdevino@yahoo.com) to get started.



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. **E-mail Chuck or Joe to sign up now!**



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.

Homecoming 2009



St. Paul's will celebrate Homecoming with a Spaghetti Feed for all students, alumni, and friends. The event will run from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday October 3 right here at St. Paul's. The Homecoming football game starts at 6 p.m. Dinner will be \$5 per person with opportunities to participate in a raffle and auctions to benefit the Betty-Jo Legerski scholarship fund – a fund at BSU which provides scholarships to St. Paul's Students. Please help us get the news out to alumni and friends

Bingo at St. John's Cathedral Friday Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. Lots of prizes!

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